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Nevada State Public Charter School Authority
2080 East Flamingo Road, Suite 230
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Dear Ms. Mackedon and Nevada State Public Charter School Authority Board Members,

We are pleased to submit our letter of intent to transfer the sponsorship of Rainbow Dreams Early Learning Academy (RDELA) from the Clark County School District (CCSD) to the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA), effective the 2025-2026 academic year. We are excited about this potential transition and believe that our unique, community-centered early learning program aligns well with SPCSA's goals to foster innovative educational approaches and equitable opportunities for students across Nevada. RDELA has a longstanding commitment to serving underserved communities and providing students with a robust foundation by combining family engagement, community partnerships, and targeted literacy interventions that have produced measurable success.

Our inclusion within SPCSA would bring several key benefits to the state's charter school portfolio, including:

1. **A Unique Focus on Early Childhood Education:** As Nevada's only early learning academy of its kind, RDELA prioritizes the developmental needs particular to early learners, fostering foundational skills in a structured, supportive environment that has been customized to meet their needs. Our program is akin to a "university" for early childhood education, combining rigorous, research-based instructional practices with hands-on, experiential learning. This distinct approach allows us to specialize in preparing young children for lifelong learning while meeting the diverse developmental milestones critical for this age group.
2. **Enhanced Early Literacy Focus:** RDELA has pioneered strategies to engage families in literacy, helping parents support their children's learning at home and ensuring a strong start in reading skills for all students.
3. **Equitable Access to Resources:** With over 75% of our students coming from families below 300% of the federal poverty line, we have championed educational equity by removing barriers for our scholars through providing free breakfasts, lunches, and snacks for students, supplies for classroom and family use, access to state-of-the-art technology, peer reviewed curriculum, and highly qualified educators. Through SPCSA sponsorship, RDELA would have the capacity to expand these offerings, ensuring that even more families have access to the resources they need to support their children's education.

As we seek to become part of the SPCSA family, we believe our strengths and innovative practices will significantly enhance the diversity and efficacy of Nevada's public charter school offerings. RDELA's partnership with SPCSA would enable us to further refine our programming



and broaden our impact, creating a sustainable model for early childhood education that aligns with the state's broader educational goals.

Thank you for your consideration of our intent to transfer sponsorship to SPCSA. We look forward to discussing this opportunity further and to the possibility of contributing to Nevada's charter school landscape under your sponsorship.

Sincerely,

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Principal/ Executive Director

Rainbow Dreams Early Learning Academy