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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Melissa Mackedon
SUBJECT: Executive Director Report
DATE: March 7, 2025

School Highlight

One of the most notable strengths of Discovery Charter School Sandhill is its improved star rating. According to the 2023-24 Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF), the school has achieved a three-star rating, marking a considerable improvement of twenty index points from the previous year. The school's pooled proficiency rate has also seen a commendable increase, rising from 19.7 to 32.6. In the Growth Indicator Measure, the school's performance has increased from earning 22 out of 35 points to an impressive 32 out of 35, and in the Closing Opportunity Gaps Indicator, from 9 out of 20 to a promising 15 out of 20. These improvements have propelled the school from a two-star rating to a three-star rating, a testament to the school's dedication and progress.

Additionally, we have seen a noticeable improvement in compliance under their new leadership.

Delinquent PERS Update

Delinquent PERS payments as of 3/1/25. For a full accounting of payments, please reference the "Outstanding Charter Contribution Balance" sheet provided by PERS and included in the board material.

School	Delinquent as of 2/28/25	Status
NV Prep	\$191,590.18	PERS approved monthly payment plan
Equipo Academy	\$107,169.92	PERS approved monthly payment plan
Sage Collegiate	\$72,527.09	

Legislative Update

The SPCSA's bill is [AB39](#). It was introduced in Assembly Education on February 18, 2025, and was well received. Both the City of Henderson and North Las Vegas supported the bill.

Additionally, the SPCSA presented its budget on February 11, 2025. The SPCSA also introduced the agency to Senate Education on March 3, 2025.

School Closure Update

Eagle:

We discovered in January that Eagle's payroll system contained inaccurate information. As a result, the W2s generated by the payroll system were also inaccurate. We spent much of the last month fixing the information in the payroll system so that corrected W2s could be sent to former employees. We also had to correct and resubmit the Employer's Quarterly Federal Payroll Tax Reports (941s). We are now updating the school's books to reflect the corrected amounts so that we can send accurate information to CLA (auditor). Additionally, we are in the process of calculating adjusted payments to vendors. Unfortunately, PERS denied Eagle's appeal to waive the penalty at last week's Board meeting. We will continue to work with PERS to find a mutually agreeable compromise.

TEACH

TEACH has the statement of work (scope of work) for the closeout audit and we have the procedures in place to audit the opening balance. (The audit of the opening balance is necessary because we are not auditing SY 23-24.) We are in the process of responding to the initial set of audit requests. Most of the audit procedures will happen in March and April. We are hoping to make the Closeout Audit period 7/1/24-2/28/25 though this might get pushed back to 3/31/25. Unfortunately, PERS denied TEACH's appeal to waive the penalty at last week's Board meeting. We will continue to work with PERS to find a mutually agreeable compromise.