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June 5, 2025

Ms. Melissa Mackedon
Nevada State Public Charter School Authority
500 East Warm Springs Road, Suite 116
Mineral Building
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

Dear Ms. Mackedon,

In the spirit of transparency and collaboration, the Clark County School District (CCSD) is providing this communication in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) related to charter school applications submitted for consideration.

Pursuant to NRS 388A.225(1)(b), when a sponsor of a charter school is not a school district, the sponsor is required to notify both the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) and the board of trustees of the school district in which the proposed charter school will be located within 45 days of receiving the application. This notification must include the information outlined in NRS 388A.225(2)(a–d), which encompasses critical details such as the academic and operational model, proposed student population, and location of the school.

Additionally, NRS 388A.249(2)(d) requires that the sponsor solicit input from the board of trustees of the school district regarding any proposed charter schools within its geographic boundaries. In alignment with this requirement, CCSD has reviewed the applications submitted to the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority and is providing the attached input, which describes potential issues/deficiencies with the proposed applications.

NRS 388A.220(6) mandates that before a city that is approved to sponsor charter schools approves an application to form a charter school, the city shall prepare, in collaboration with NDE and, to the extent practicable, the school district in which the proposed charter school will be located and any other sponsor of a charter school located in that school district, an evaluation of the demographic information of pupils, the academic needs of pupils and the needs of any pupils who are at risk of dropping out of school in the geographic areas served by the sponsor. CCSD is available to collaborate at your convenience.

We appreciate the opportunity to work in partnership with municipalities to ensure that proposed charter school developments align with broader community priorities, infrastructure capacity, and student needs. Should you have any additional feedback or considerations, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.



Dr. Jesse Welsh, Ed. D.
Deputy Superintendent, Teaching and Learning

Solicitation of Input – 2025 New Charter Application Submission

County: Clark

Proposal: Pathways In Education - Las Vegas

Proposed Location: TBD

Grade Levels: 9 – 12; Applicant is requesting to be placed on the Alternative Performance Framework.

Projected Enrollment: 330

Proposed Zip Codes to be served: 89030, 89031, and 89032

Previously Applied: No

Clark County School District Input:

Please provide any data as to overcrowding in the zip code where the school is proposing to locate.

Zip Code – 89030

College of Southern Nevada High School – East	NSPF 5	0.00% of capacity
Desert Rose High School	NSPF 1	42.97% of capacity

Zip Code – 89031

Mojave High School	NSPF 2	91.34% of capacity
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Zip Code – 89032

Canyon Springs High School	NSPF 3	108.95% of capacity
Cheyenne High School	NSPF 2	69.65% of capacity

Does the School District’s Capital Improvement Plan include any plans to add new schools or add additional capacity to existing schools within the community in which the applicant proposes to locate?

The zip codes provided for the intended service encompass a large geographic area with five high schools with varying demographic profiles. Through the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, the Clark County School District has invested within these zip codes to support community needs.

As you know, the SPCSA approved the Academic and Demographic Needs Assessment on July 26, 2019 and approved an updated version on January 22, 2021, January 28, 2022, November 18, 2022, December 8, 2023, and December 13, 2024. A copy of the current version can be found [here](#). Our staff and board will be evaluating the degree to which the applicant aligns with the identified needs. Please provide any input as to how this applicant does or does not meet identified needs in the community.

Pathways In Education - Las Vegas		
Assessment	High School Criteria	Findings
Demographics	Does the applicant propose to serve student groups that consistently underperform on the Grade 11 ACT Assessment in mathematics and English language arts (ELA) as measured on the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF)?	Meets
Demographics	Does the applicant propose to serve student groups where the four-year graduation rate is below the NSPF four-year annual graduation rate goal?	Does Not Meet
Academic Geographies	Does the applicant propose serving geographies with a significant percentage of students attending a school that received a One- or Two-star rating on the two most recent NSPF ratings or are at risk of dropping out of school?	Meets
Demonstrated Capacity	Does the applicant propose a school model that includes demonstrated capacity, credible plans, and thorough research and analysis to intentionally provide access to Three-, Four-, and Five-star schools in zip codes where a significant percentage of students are attending a school that received a One- or Two-star rating on the two most recent NSPF ratings?	Does Not Meet
Overall Rating	<p>Pathways In Education does not meet the SPCSA's Academic and Demographic Needs Assessment for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant is proposing to serve zip codes where existing schools are not overcrowded and are operating below their enrollment capacity. • The application lacks a demonstrated history of providing an educational model with proven capacity, credible planning, and thorough research and analysis aimed at increasing access to Three-, Four-, and Five-Star schools. • Two of the identified service zip codes include areas that already have access to adequately performing (Three-, Four-, and Five-Star) schools and are not classified as underperforming. 	Does Not Meet

If district staff or Board of Trustees has had prior communications with this applicant, please provide any relevant information or details from that communication that might be useful to the SPCSA in making an informed decision regarding the application.

There is no knowledge of official communication between District staff or the Clark County School District Board of School Trustees.

Are there currently any schools providing a similar educational model in the community in which the applicant proposes to locate? If yes, please provide any relevant information on the current school(s) with similar educational models that are available to students in the community.

The District believes that existing schools in the proposed locations do offer similar types of opportunities.

Is there any other additional information you wish to provide?

N/A