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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:** Purpose Leadership Academy

**Proposed Location:** TBD

**Grade Levels:** K – 8

**Projected Enrollment:** 459

**Proposed Zip Codes to be served:** 89106, 89030, 89156, 89115, and 89110

**Previously applied:** Yes, applied to the SPCSA in the 2024 Application Cycle and was not granted a contract and is currently applying to the City of Henderson.

### 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 – 89106

Booker Elementary School	NSPF 2	64.84% of capacity
Detwiler Elementary School	NSPF 1	86.01% of capacity
Hoggard Elementary School	NSPF 3	69.39% of capacity
Kelly Elementary School	NSPF 1	87.89% of capacity
Toland Elementary School	NSPF 2	61.44% of capacity
West Preparatory Institute	NSPF 4	81.42% of capacity
Williams Elementary School	NSPF 1	61.31% of capacity

#### Zip Code – 89030

Cahlan Elementary School	NSPF 1	81.03% of capacity
Craig Elementary School	NSPF 1	55.47% of capacity
Fitzgerald Elementary School	NSPF 1	75.10% of capacity
Herron Elementary School	NSPF 2	75.27% of capacity
Lincoln Elementary School	NSPF 2	75.78% of capacity
Mackey Elementary School	NSPF 2	105.83% of capacity
Martinez Elementary School	NSPF 2	88.95% of capacity
McCall Elementary School	NSPF 2	59.11% of capacity
Squires Elementary School	NSPF 1	61.93% of capacity
Williams Elementary School	NSPF 1	64.94% of capacity
Mackey Middle School	NSPF 5	105.78% of capacity
Bridger Middle School	NSPF 2	73.95% of capacity
Smith Middle School	NSPF 1	68.58% of capacity

### **Zip Code – 89156**

Herr Elementary School	NSPF 1	79.69% of capacity
Hickey Elementary School	NSPF 1	95.33% of capacity
King, Martin L. Elementary School	NSPF 1	82.90% of capacity
Mountain View Elementary School	NSPF 1	69.09% of capacity
Bailey Middle School	NSPF 1	72.47% of capacity

### **Zip Code – 89115**

Cox, Clyde Elementary School	NSPF 2	70.43% of capacity
Cortez Elementary School	NSPF 2	77.20% of capacity
Heard Elementary School	NSPF 3	67.66% of capacity
Jeffers Elementary School	NSPF 1	77.43% of capacity
Lowman Elementary School	NSPF 1	81.79% of capacity
Lynch Elementary School	NSPF 1	80.00% of capacity
Manch Elementary School	NSPF 1	96.09% of capacity
Miller Elementary School	NSPF 2	88.89% of capacity
Tate Elementary School	NSPF 2	85.38% of capacity
Wooley Elementary School	NSPF 1	83.29% of capacity
Monaco Middle School	NSPF 1	55.80% of capacity
Von Tobel Middle School	NSPF 1	68.17% of capacity

### **Zip Codes – 89110**

Adams Elementary School	NSPF 1	70.84% of capacity
Brookman Elementary School	NSPF 2	104.21% of capacity
Diaz Elementary School	NSPF 1	79.83% of capacity
Earl, I Elementary School	NSPF 1	74.55% of capacity
Edwards Elementary School	NSPF 1	66.95% of capacity
Gragson Elementary School	NSPF 2	58.82% of capacity
Keller Elementary School	NSPF 2	58.81% of capacity
Moore Elementary School	NSPF 2	73.24% of capacity
Rundle Elementary School	NSPF 1	104.18% of capacity
Stanford Elementary School	NSPF 1	95.04% of capacity
Keller Middle School	NSPF 1	65.04% of capacity
O’Callaghan Middle School	NSPF 5	92.00% 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 forty-one elementary schools and eight middle 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. One of these schools received a replacement facility: Mountain View Elementary School (2024). The following schools are planned for a future school replacement: Kelly Elementary School (2027), Cahlan Elementary School, and Von Tobel Middle School (2026).

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.

Purpose Leadership Academy		
Assessment	K – 8 Criteria	Findings
Demographics	Does the applicant propose to serve student groups that consistently underperform on the Grades 3–8 Smarter Balanced Assessment in mathematics and ELA?	Meets
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?	Meets
Demonstrate 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><b>Purpose Leadership Academy does not meet the SPCSA's Academic and Demographic Needs Assessment for the following reasons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The applicant is proposing to serve zip codes where existing schools are not overcrowded and are operating below their enrollment capacity.</li> <li>The application lacks a demonstrated history of providing an educational model with proven capacity, credible plans, and thorough research and analysis aimed at increasing access to Three-, Four- and Five-Star schools.</li> <li>The applicant has previously applied to the SPCSA and was not granted a contract.</li> </ul>	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