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### ACTION MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** SPCSA Authority Board  
**FROM:** Danny Peltier, Management Analyst IV, SPCSA  
**SUBJECT:** Coral Academy of Science– Charter Amendment Request to:  
    • **Modify Mission Statement**  
    • **Reduce Enrollment Cap at the Nellis campus**  
**DATE:** October 10, 2025

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#### Summary of Request and Recommendation

Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas (CASLV) has submitted an amendment application requesting that the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) grant a Good Cause Exemption and approve the request to modify the school's mission and vision statement and to reduce the enrollment cap for the Nellis campus.

SPCSA staff has reviewed the application and recommends that the Authority grant the Good Cause Exemption and approve the amendment request. A proposed motion along can be found on page 2 of this memo.

#### Background and Overview of the Amendment

##### *Mission Modification Request*

According to the amendment application CALSV has been working with the Governor's STEM Designation committee/OSIT as was notified via that partnership that the school's mission did not include any reference to science. The school explained in the application that they wanted to revise its mission statement to be more STEM-related but also keep the strengths of its current mission statement that are accurately reflected in its day-to-day operations. CALSV noted that STEM is an important component of its educational and extracurricular offerings and had become what the school is known for, which led the school to make this request.

The current mission of CASLV states "*The mission of CASLV is to provide a safe, rigorous college preparatory environment that promotes social responsibility and a culturally diverse community dedicated to becoming lifelong learners bound for success.*"

The proposed mission is *“To inspire and empower all students to achieve their highest potential through a rigorous college-preparatory, culturally responsive STEM education that fosters innovation, critical thinking, and a lifelong love of learning.”*

#### *Reduction in Enrollment Cap at the Nellis campus*

CASLV was approved by the Authority board at its March 1, 2024 meeting to increase the enrollment cap at the Nellis campus beginning in the 2026-27 school year. CASLV is working with the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) to expand the Nellis campus which is located on the Nellis Air Force Base. As part of the funding CASLV would receive through the OSD the OLDCC requested the campus be able to house more students of families who were stationed on the base. According to CASLV, due to long lead times on essential materials and equipment, the construction timeline had to be adjusted, and completion is now set for July 2027. Additionally, according to the amendment application, the overall scope of the project remains the same, but since construction has been delayed, the school does not have the space needed to house 1100 students beginning in the 2026-27 school year. As such, the school is adjusting the increase in the enrollment cap back one year to allow for the completion of the facility expansion.

The proposed enrollment cap for the Nellis campus will now be:

<b>School Year</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>2028-29</b>	<b>2029-30</b>
Grade Levels	K - 8	K - 8	K - 8	K - 8	K - 8
Enrollment Cap	890	890	1100	1350	1600

#### **Legal Authority**

Existing charter schools that are sponsored by the SPCSA may submit a charter school contract amendment application to the SPCSA – which is reviewed by SPCSA staff and presented for SPCSA Board action – to, among other things, increase enrollment, add grade levels above and beyond what the charter school is approved to serve, or add a new campus. When determining whether to approve an amendment request, the sponsor considers the charter school’s compliance with applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations and evidence relating to the academics, finance and organization of the charter school.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Analysis and Staff Recommendation**

When reviewing an amendment application for RFA eligibility, SPCSA staff reviews the academic, financial and organizational performance of the applicant charter school. In the case of CASLV, SPCSA staff finds the school to be meeting academic, financial and organizational performance expectations for all but one program (Nellis – ES 2-star). With the exception of the Nellis campus, the elementary, middle, and high school programs across the CASLV network are operating at 3, 4 and 5-star levels under the NSPF ratings for the 2024-25 school year, and either met or exceeded standards according to the 2023-2024 SPCSA Academic Performance results. Specific campus academic ratings are included on pages 7, 8, and 9 of this memo.

Additionally, the school earned 98 points (out of 100) under the SPCSA Organizational Performance Framework for the 2023 – 24 school year as approved by the Authority on October 4, 2024. As such, SPCSA staff finds the school to be Meeting Standards. CASLV has also been found to ‘Meet the Standards’ on the most recent 2024 SPCSA Financial Performance Framework.

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<sup>1</sup> NAC 388A.400(8) and NRS 388A.276

Regarding the amendment request, SPCSA staff is recommending approval. The change to the school's mission is to further align the language to ensure Science is found in the mission. The change will not affect the ongoing operations of the school beyond bringing the mission into alignment with the school's day-to-day academic program.

Regarding the Nellis campus reduction, SPCSA staff is in support of this request too. While it is unfortunate there have been delays in the completion of the project, SPCSA staff recognizes the difficulties in facility projects and finds the request by CALSV to delay the increase in enrollment but one year to be both reasonable and needed.

**Proposed Motion: Grant the Good Cause Exemption request and approve Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas requests to: reduce the enrollment cap at the Nellis campus and to modify the school's mission as outlined in this memo with the following condition:**

- **That the school complete the SPCSA pre-opening process for new schools and campuses for occupation of the additional facility space at the Nellis campus.**

The approved enrollment cap for the CASLV Nellis campus is:

School Year	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Grade Levels	K - 8	K - 8	K - 8	K - 8	K - 8
Enrollment Cap	890	1100	1350	1600	1600

The proposed enrollment cap for the CASLV Nellis campus will be:

School Year	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Grade Levels	K - 8	K - 8	K - 8	K - 8	K - 8
Enrollment Cap	890	890	1100	1350	1600

### **School Demographics since 2017 – Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas**

#### **Coral Cadence**

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18-19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21-22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22-23	1346	12.8%	8.6%	26.5%	40.0%	0.3%	10.7%	0.8%	7.5%	7.6%	40.2%
23-24	1573	13.9%	9.5%	23.8%	40.3%	0.3%	10.4%	1.4%	8.4%	8.0%	100%
24-25	1673	15.6%	8.5%	22.8%	39.9%	0.1%	11.5%	1.1%	8.1%	8.3%	44.7%

**Coral Centennial Hills**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>IEP</b>	<b>ELL</b>	<b>FRL</b>
17-18	682	11.3%	12.5%	46.6%	19.2%	0.3%	9.2%	0.9%	8.2%	4.3%	10.1%
18-19	633	12.8%	10.9%	43.9%	22.3%	0.3%	8.5%	1.3%	7.7%	3.5%	14.4%
19-20	647	13.0%	8.7%	42.8%	24.3%	0.5%	9.7%	1.1%	7.4%	3.7%	25.3%
20-21	684	11.8%	8.4%	40.4%	26.9%	0.4%	10.5%	1.3%	7.3%	2.1%	25.2%
21-22	651	10.5%	8.4%	41.3%	27.3%	0.3%	10.5%	1.3%	5.5%	<5%	31.4%
22-23	691	9.9%	7.8%	39.2%	29.6%	0.1%	11.8%	1.3%	6.6%	<5%	30.1%
23-24	681	11.0%	7.4%	35.6%	31.2%	0.0%	13.2%	1.3%	8.6%	<5%	33.6%
24-25	686	10.3%	8.8%	33.0%	33.3%	0.0%	12.8%	1.4%	10.9%	<5%	27.6%

**Coral Eastgate**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>IEP</b>	<b>ELL</b>	<b>FRL</b>
17-18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18-19	652	21.3%	9.2%	37.7%	19.6%	0.2%	9.8%	2.1%	6.1%	0.8%	21.0%
19-20	640	19.8%	7.3%	36.7%	22.7%	0.2%	11.3%	2.0%	6.4%	3.9%	26.4%
20-21	641	21.9%	6.5%	33.3%	24.8%	0.1%	10.9%	2.1%	7.0%	3.1%	24.6%
21-22	637	24.6%	6.4%	29.6%	25.5%	0.3%	10.8%	2.5%	8.6%	<5%	38.6%
22-23	581	25.9%	6.0%	24.9%	30.1%	0.3%	10.3%	2.2%	<5%	7.5%	38.0%
23-24	582	23.7%	7.0%	22.1%	35.3%	0.5%	9.6%	1.5%	6.1%	8.4%	100%
24-25	575	22.4%	5.9%	18.7%	40.1%	0.3%	11.6%	0.6%	8.6%	9.3%	40.5%

**Coral Nellis**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>IEP</b>	<b>ELL</b>	<b>FRL</b>
17-18	722	3.7%	13.4%	49.4%	18.4%	0.6%	10.5%	3.9%	6.1%	<5%	29.8%
18-19	791	3.2%	14.0%	45.3%	21.5%	0.9%	10.7%	4.4%	8.6%	<5%	17.7%
19-20	874	3.1%	14.5%	45.2%	23.7%	0.3%	9.5%	3.7%	9.2%	<5%	23.8%
20-21	876	4.3%	15.1%	40.2%	25.9%	0.5%	11.6%	2.0%	8.4%	<5%	16.5%
21-22	860	4.1%	16.5%	37.3%	28.1%	0.4%	12.0%	1.2%	7.9%	<5%	29.6%

22-23	905	3.8%	15.4%	40.2%	26.9%	0.4%	11.9%	1.1%	9.3%	<5%	28.1%
23-24	895	3.6%	14.1%	35.0%	30.2%	0.3%	15.1%	1.2%	12.1%	<5%	37.7%
24-25	902	3.4%	13.5%	34.2%	30.0%	0.3%	16.7%	1.6%	15.1%	<5%	35.0%

### **Coral Sandy Ridge**

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	817	23.1%	6.5%	43.3%	15.8%	0.7%	8.7%	1.8%	3.4%	2.2%	5.9%
18-19	809	22.5%	6.3%	41.4%	16.4%	0.7%	10.6%	2.0%	4.1%	2.1%	10.0%
19-20	846	25.5%	5.7%	38.7%	16.3%	0.4%	11.1%	2.4%	3.5%	2.1%	13.8%
20-21	860	23.6%	6.2%	37.9%	18.1%	0.3%	11.5%	2.2%	4.1%	2.7%	16.3%
21-22	842	25.6%	6.5%	37.2%	16.6%	0.1%	11.6%	2.1%	<5%	<5%	28.0%
22-23	902	24.9%	6.2%	37.1%	17.6%	0.2%	11.9%	1.8%	<5%	<5%	25.0%
23-24	867	25.2%	5.9%	37.2%	17.3%	0.2%	12.5%	1.3%	6.8%	<5%	28.1%
24-25	872	26.2%	6.3%	36.3%	18.5%	0.1%	11.2%	1.1%	6.8%	<5%	24.4%

### **Coral Tamarus**

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	382	28.3%	4.2%	42.4%	13.6%	0.3%	10.5%	0.8%	4.2%	10.5%	9.7%
18-19	394	28.4%	4.8%	40.6%	13.5%	0.0%	11.9%	0.8%	3.6%	7.9%	11.2%
19-20	394	31.7%	6.1%	35.5%	15.2%	0.0%	10.2%	1.3%	6.1%	9.6%	14.5%
20-21	420	28.8%	7.3%	35.0%	15.7%	0.0%	11.4%	1.6%	7.8%	8.8%	17.3%
21-22	395	29.1%	7.8%	31.1%	17.4%	0.0%	12.9%	1.5%	6.5%	8.8%	30.3%
22-23	408	30.8%	7.3%	27.2%	22.3%	0.0%	11.2%	0.9%	<5%	10.2%	30.8%
23-24	394	31.4%	7.3%	27.6%	21.5%	0.0%	10.9%	1.0%	<5%	13.4%	36.0%
24-25	390	32.5%	6.6%	26.9%	22.3%	0.0%	10.5%	1.0%	<5%	10.7%	29.2%

### **Coral Windmill**

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
17-18	399	29.1%	3.5%	35.8%	13.3%	1.0%	16.0%	1.3%	4.0%	5.0%	4.8%
18-19	403	30.8%	4.2%	39.0%	11.9%	0.5%	11.9%	1.7%	2.5%	4.2%	11.4%
19-20	400	32.8%	3.5%	36.8%	13.8%	0.5%	12.3%	0.5%	3.5%	3.0%	16.0%

20-21	404	27.9%	5.6%	38.3%	15.0%	0.0%	11.8%	0.9%	4.4%	4.9%	17.5%
21-22	396	27.7%	5.3%	37.6%	15.4%	0.2%	12.3%	1.2%	5.8%	5.0%	28.7%
22-23	404	27.4%	7.4%	37.6%	14.6%	0.0%	11.8%	0.9%	<5%	<5%	24.7%
23-24	415	30.3%	7.7%	32.7%	17.1%	0.0%	10.6%	1.4%	6.0%	<5%	26.7%
24-25	419	29.8%	6.4%	30.3%	19.3%	0.0%	12.4%	1.6%	5.7%	<5%	30.3%

A – Asian

B – Black

C – Caucasian

H – Hispanic

I – American Indian/Alaskan Native

M – Two or more races

P – Pacific Islander

IEP – Individualized Education Plan – A student with a disability/special education student

ELL – English Language Learner

FRL – A student who qualifies for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch

\* - Suppressed data due to n-count

### **Coral Academy Charter School Financial Performance**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Rating</b>
2019 – 2020	Meets the Standard
2020 – 2021	Meets the Standard
2021 – 2022	Meets the Standard
2022 – 2023	Meets the Standard
2023 – 2024	Meets the Standard

### **Coral Academy Charter School Organizational Performance**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Rating</b>
2019 – 2020	Meets the Standard
2020 – 2021	Meets the Standard
2021 – 2022	Meets the Standard
2022 – 2023	Meets the Standard
2023 – 2024	Meets the Standard

### Coral Academy Academic Performance

Year	Rating		
2024	Centennial Hills – ES: 5-stars Eastgate – ES: 5-stars Nellis – ES: 2-stars Tamarus – ES: 5-stars Windmill – ES: 3-stars Cadence – ES: 3-stars	Centennial Hills – MS: 5-stars Nellis – MS: 4-stars Sandy Ridge – MS: 5-stars Windmill – MS: 5-stars Cadence – MS: 5-stars	Sandy Ridge – HS: 5-stars Cadence – HS: Not Rated
2023	Centennial Hills – ES: 5-stars Eastgate – ES: 4-stars Nellis – ES: 2-stars Tamarus – ES: 5-stars Windmill – ES: 4-stars Cadence – ES: 2-stars	Centennial Hills – MS: 5-stars Eastgate – MS: 5-stars Nellis – MS: 3-stars Sandy Ridge – MS: 3-stars Windmill – MS: 5-stars Cadence – MS: 4-stars	Sandy Ridge – HS: 5-stars
2022 Index Scores	Centennial Hills – ES: 57.3 Eastgate – ES: 52.2 Nellis – ES: 26.2 Tamarus – ES: 59.4 Windmill – ES: 55.3 <i>Cadence – ES: Not Rated</i>	Centennial Hills – MS: 56.6 Eastgate – MS: 55.5 Nellis – MS: 40.9 Sandy Ridge – MS: 40.6 Windmill – MS: 53.7 <i>Cadence – MS: Not Rated</i>	Sandy Ridge – HS: 57.0
2021 <sup>2</sup>	Centennial Hills – ES: 4-star Eastgate – ES: 4-star Nellis – ES: 2-star Tamarus – ES: Not Rated Windmill – ES: 4-star	Centennial Hills – MS: 5-star Eastgate – MS: 5-star Nellis – MS: 5-star Sandy Ridge – MS: 5-star Windmill – MS: 5-star	Sandy Ridge – HS: 5-star

<sup>2</sup> Due to COVID-19, the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) applied for and was granted a 2020 – 21 school year waiver from the US Department of Education for certain requirements established by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Nevada statewide assessments were administered in the 2020 – 21 school year, but the NDE did not calculate Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) school ratings for the 2020 – 21 school year.

2020 <sup>3</sup>	Centennial Hills – ES: 4-star	Centennial Hills – MS: 5-star	Sandy Ridge – HS: 5-star
	Eastgate – ES: 4-star	Eastgate – MS: 5-star	
	Nellis – ES: 2-star	Nellis – MS: 5-star	
	Tamarus – ES: Not Rated	Sandy Ridge – MS: 5-star	
	Windmill – ES: 4-star	Windmill – MS: 5-star	
2019	Centennial Hills – ES: 4-star	Centennial Hills – MS: 5-star	Sandy Ridge – HS: 5-star
	Eastgate – ES: 4-star	Eastgate – MS: 5-star	
	Nellis – ES: 2-star	Nellis – MS: 5-star	
	Tamarus – ES: Not Rated	Sandy Ridge – MS: 5-star	
	Windmill – ES: 4-star	Windmill – MS: 5-star	
2018	Centennial Hills – ES: 4-star	Sandy Ridge – MS: 5-star	Sandy Ridge – HS: 5-star
	Nellis – ES: 4-star		
	Tamarus – ES: Not Rated		
	Windmill – ES: 5-star		

### **Coral Academy of Science 2022-23 SPCSA Academic Performance Results**

<b>Campus</b>	<b>2022-23 SPCSA Academic Framework Score</b>	<b>2022-23 SPCSA Academic Framework Rating</b>
CASLV Centennial ES	89.6	EXCEEDS STANDARD
CASLV Centennial MS	79.00	MEETS STANDARD
CASLV Eastgate ES	78.1	MEETS STANDARD
CASLV Eastgate MS	89.1	EXCEEDS STANDARD
CASLV Nellis AFB ES	48.6	DOES NOT MEET STANDARD
CASLV Nellis AFB MS	71.6	MEETS STANDARD
CASLV Sandy Ridge MS	57.0	MEETS STANDARD
CASLV Sandy Ridge HS	84.9	EXCEEDS STANDARD
CASLV Tamarus ES	83.2	EXCEEDS STANDARD
CASLV Windmill ES	79.1	MEETS STANDARD
CASLV Cadence ES	50.4	MEETS STANDARD
CASLV Cadence MS	78.3	MEETS STANDARD

<sup>3</sup> Due to COVID-19, the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) applied for and was granted a 2019 – 20 school year waiver from the US Department of Education for certain assessment, accountability, school identification, and reporting requirements established by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Accordingly, for the 2019 – 20 school year, Nevada statewide assessments were not administered and the NDE did not calculate Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) school ratings.



### Coral Academy of Science 2021-22 SPCSA Academic Performance Results<sup>4</sup>

Campus	2021-22 SPCSA Academic Framework Score	2021-22 SPCSA Academic Framework Rating
CASLV Centennial ES	67.50	EXCEEDS STANDARD
CASLV Centennial MS	87.36	EXCEEDS STANDARD
CASLV Eastgate ES	73.00	EXCEEDS STANDARD
CASLV Eastgate MS	95.40	EXCEEDS STANDARD
CASLV Nellis AFB ES	48.33	DOES NOT MEET STANDARD
CASLV Nellis AFB MS	97.70	MEETS STANDARD
CASLV Sandy Ridge MS	83.33	MEETS STANDARD
CASLV Sandy Ridge HS	97.78	EXCEEDS STANDARD
CASLV Tamarus ES	100.00	EXCEEDS STANDARD
CASLV Windmill ES	78.24	EXCEEDS STANDARD
<i>CASLV Cadence ES</i>	<i>Not Rated</i>	<i>Not Rated</i>
<i>CASLV Cadence MS</i>	<i>Not Rated</i>	<i>Not Rated</i>

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<sup>4</sup> The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) calculated NSPF index scores for the 2021-22 school year but did not calculate corresponding star ratings (shown as N/A). 2021-22 NSPF details and rules can be found at: <http://nevadareportcard.nv.gov/DI/MoreDownload?filename=Nevada%20School%20Performance%20Framework%20Manual%202021-22%20School%20Year.pdf>