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## ACTION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** SPCSA Board

**FROM:** Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director

Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing

**SUBJECT:** Recommendations for Freedom Classical Academy Based on 2024-2025

Academic Performance

**DATE:** November 14, 2025

The Nevada Department of Education recently released the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) results for the 2024-2025 school year. All public schools in the state of Nevada are issued a star rating when all required data points are available. Additionally, all SPCSA-sponsored charter schools are evaluated on the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework (Framework), pursuant to NRS 388A.273. The Framework provides additional metrics beyond the NSPF that examine charter school performance versus schools in their zip code, chronic absenteeism reduction, and student group performance in growth and graduation rates.

Any charter school demonstrating underperformance that could trigger revocation proceedings within the next three to five years, if academic performance does not improve, should be issued a formal Notice to ensure that the school and its governing board are aware of the concerns (NRS 388A.300) and 388A.330). Underperformance, as defined in NAC 388A.350, includes any school that receives a 1-or 2-star rating on the NSPF or that has not complied with the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework. The Authority has three levels of intervention when schools do not meet these academic standards: Notice of Concern, Notice of Breach, and Notice of Intent to Terminate.

SPCSA staff recommends reducing Notices of Breach to Notices of Concern for campuses with a 2-star NSPF rating.

The academic performance of Freedom Classical Academy for the last three school years is provided below.

Freedom Classical Academy	2022-2023 Index Score and Star Rating	2022-2023 SPCSA Framework	2023-2024 Index Score and Star Rating	2023-2024 SPCSA Framework	2024-2025 Index Score and Star Rating	2024-2025 SPCSA Framework
Elementary School	34 2-star	39.4  Does Not Meet Standard	26.5 1-star	33.9  Does Not Meet Standard	48.5 2-star	46.7  Does Not Meet Standard
Middle School	74.5 4-star	81.7 Exceeds Standard	77.5 4-star	81.5 Exceeds Standard	65.5 3-star	70.7 Meets Standard

Freedom Classical Academy received an academic Notice of Breach for its elementary school performance in the 2018-2019 school year. The Notice of Breach was continued in 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 as the elementary campus did not meet academic performance expectations on the NSPF or the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework. For the 2024-2025 school year, the elementary school received a 2-star NSPF rating and a *Does Not Meet Standard* rating on the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework. SPCSA staff recommends reducing the Notice of Breach to a Notice of Concern.

Given this recommendation, SPCSA staff will ensure the school is scheduled for a site evaluation for the 2025-2026 school year to carefully review the school's performance. The school must also include an academic goal in their School Performance Plan. This academic goal should measurably impact student academic performance.

Additionally, per NRS 388A.367, any school rated 1- or 2- stars is required to mail a written notification to the parent or guardian of each pupil enrolled that includes information on the school's star rating and a list of other public schools to which a pupil may transfer if the charter school closes or adopts changes which a parent or legal guardian finds unacceptable. The school must also post a notification on their website. Finally, NRS 388A.367 requires the governing body of qualifying public charter schools to hold a public hearing within 30 days of sending out the required notification so as to provide all stakeholders the opportunity to discuss actions and solicit feedback for continued academic growth and improvement. Staff has been monitoring compliance with these statutory requirements.

<u>Proposed Motion:</u> Reduce the academic Notice of Breach for Freedom Classical Academy elementary school to an academic Notice of Concern for the 2024-2025 school year.