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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Authority Board
FROM: Danny Peltier, Management Analyst IV, SPCSA
SUBJECT: **Mater Academy of Nevada– Charter Amendment Request to Increase Enrollment Cap at the East and Cactus Campuses**
DATE: November 14, 2025

Summary of Request and Recommendation

Mater Academy of Nevada (MAN) has submitted an amendment application requesting that the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) grant a Good Cause Exemption and approve the request to increase the enrollment cap for the East and Cactus campuses.

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 3 of this memo.

Background and Overview of the Amendment

MAN has submitted an amendment request to increase enrollment caps at both the East campus and the Cactus campus. The East campus serves grades K – 12 and had 2492 students enrolled according to the 2024 Validation Day. The Cactus campus is a new campus under the MAN network after it transitioned to MAN during the closure of the pilotEd charter school at the end of the 2024-25 school year. The Cactus campus serves grades K – 5 and had 350 students enrolled according to the 2024 Validation Day.

According to the amendment application, MAN requests an enrollment cap increase for its East and Cactus Park campuses in response to growing demand from families. As of October 1, 2025, there are more than 2,600 students on the waitlist to attend Mater’s East campus and 13 students are on the waitlist for the Cactus Park campus. Additionally, MAN notes that although the current Cactus Park waitlist appears modest, it should be viewed in the context of the school’s recent transition from pilotED to the Mater network on July 1, 2025. In just three months, enrollment climbed 37.5% (from 349 to 480

students) and MAN expects this growth to continue as awareness of the Mater affiliation continues to grow.

According to the amendment application, the request to increase the cap at the East campus will help alleviate a waitlist that is currently around 2600 students. The campus cap is currently 2209 and MAN is requesting the cap be increased to 2443. Ultimately, this will bring the cap in line with the total capacity of the current facility. Regarding the Cactus campus, the increase in the enrollment cap is being requested now that Mater has had a few months to gauge operations and capacity of the new site. The current cap for the Cactus campus, which was inherited, as part of the transition from pilotED is 486 students and MAN is requesting this be increased to 504 students.

If approved the cap at the East and Cactus campuses will be:

East campus

School Year	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32
Grade Levels	K - 12	K - 12	K - 12	K - 12	K - 12	K - 12
Enrollment Cap	2443	2443	2443	2443	2443	2443

Cactus campus

School Year	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32
Grade Levels	K - 5	K - 5	K - 5	K - 5	K - 5	K - 5
Enrollment Cap	504	504	504	504	504	504

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.¹

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 MAN, SPCSA staff finds the school to be meeting academic, financial and organizational performance expectations for all campuses. The elementary, middle, and high school programs across the MAN network are operating a 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 8 - 12 of this memo.

Additionally, MAN earned an In Compliance rating under the SPCSA Organizational Performance Framework for the 2024 – 25 school year as approved by the Authority on October 10, 2025. As such, SPCSA staff finds the school to be Meeting Standards. MAN has also been found to ‘Meet the Standards’ on the most recent 2024 SPCSA Financial Performance Framework.

Regarding the amendment request, SPCSA staff is recommending approval. The East campus has shown sustained academic success over the past two rating cycles and with facility capacity to house more students,

¹ NAC 388A.400(8) and NRS 388A.276

SPCSA staff finds the request reasonable. Regarding the Cactus campus, the school has yet to be rated under the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework or the NSPF while operating as a Mater school, but this request is a cleanup of the transition and represents a small increase in the cap overall. SPCSA staff had discussions with the Mater team prior to the transition, and the team chose to wait until operations began to assess where the cap should land. Now that the school has been under Mater operation for a few months, Mater sees the school can be operated at facility capacity and the 504 cap will allow the school to be fully enrolled for the 2026-27 school year.

Proposed Motion: Grant the Good Cause Exemption request and approve Mater Academy of Nevada's requests to: increase the enrollment cap at the East campus and Cactus campus as detailed in the recommendation memo.

The approved enrollment cap for the MAN East campus is:

School Year	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32
Grade Levels	K - 12	K - 12	K - 12	K - 12	K - 12	K - 12
Enrollment Cap	2209	2209	2209	2209	2209	2209

The approved enrollment cap for the MAN Cactus campus is:

School Year	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32
Grade Levels	K - 5	K - 5	K - 5	K - 5	K - 5	K - 5
Enrollment Cap	486	486	486	486	486	486

The approved enrollment cap for the MAN East campus will be:

School Year	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32
Grade Levels	K - 12	K - 12	K - 12	K - 12	K - 12	K - 12
Enrollment Cap	2443	2443	2443	2443	2443	2443

The approved enrollment cap for the MAN Cactus campus will be:

School Year	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32
Grade Levels	K - 5	K - 5	K - 5	K - 5	K - 5	K - 5
Enrollment Cap	504	504	504	504	504	504

Mater Current Enrollment Caps

School Year	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32
Bonanza Campus							
Grade Levels	K – 8	K – 8	K – 8	K – 8	K – 8	K – 8	K – 8
Enrollment Cap	984	984	984	984	984	984	984
East Campus							
Grade Levels	K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12
Enrollment Cap	2209	2443	2443	2443	2443	2443	2443
Mountain Vista Campus							
Grade Levels	K-8	K-8	K-8	K-8	K-8	K-8	K-8

Enrollment Cap	1035	1035	1035	1035	1035	1035	1035
Cactus Campus							
Grade Levels	K-5	K-5	K-5	K-5	K-5	K-5	K-5
Enrollment Cap	486	486	486	486	486	486	486
Total Enrollment	4714	4714	4714	4714	4714	4714	4714

Mater Proposed Enrollment Caps

School Year	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32
Bonanza Campus							
Grade Levels	K – 8	K – 8	K – 8	K – 8	K – 8	K – 8	K – 8
Enrollment Cap	984	984	984	984	984	984	984
East Campus							
Grade Levels	K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12
Enrollment Cap	2209	2443	2443	2443	2443	2443	2443
Mountain Vista Campus							
Grade Levels	K-8	K-8	K-8	K-8	K-8	K-8	K-8
Enrollment Cap	1035	1035	1035	1035	1035	1035	1035
Cactus Campus							
Grade Levels	K-5	K-5	K-5	K-5	K-5	K-5	K-5
Enrollment Cap	486	504	504	504	504	504	504
Total Enrollment	4714	4966	4966	4966	4966	4966	4966

Mater School Demographics and Enrollment since 2019

Bonanza Campus

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	FRL	IEP	ELL
2019-20	1041	0.5	8.9	6.4	81.0	0.1	1.7	1.0	>95.0	8.5	36.1
2020-21	1071	0.5	7.6	4.1	84.6	0.3	1.8	0.7	>95.0	9.7	33.9
2021-22	1074	0.6	6.2	3.5	86.5	0.2	1.9	0.7	>95.0	8.4	38.9
2022-23	1081	0.6	6.5	3.0	87.0	0.1	1.9	0.5	>95.0	7.9	40.7
2023-24	1105	0.3	5.5	2.1	89.8	0	1.6	0.3	>95.0	8.0	40.0
2024-25	1113	0.4	4.3	2.3	91.0	0	1.5	0.3	>95.0	7.9	38.5

East Las Vegas Campus

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	FRL	IEP	ELL
2019-20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2020-21	1143	0.6	12.7	5.2	76.9	0	3.4	0.7	>95.0	9.0	42.6
2021-22	1573	0.8	11.7	4.5	79.3	0.1	2.7	0.6	>95.0	10.9	40.7
2022-23	1903	0.8	10.2	3.8	81.4	0.1	2.8	0.5	>95.0	10.8	39.1
2023-24	2373	0.8	8.9	3.0	83.2	0.1	3.0	0.6	>95.0	10.6	38.0
2024-25	2492	0.9	10.5	2.6	81.9	0.2	3.1	0.4	>95.0	10.5	34.1

Mountain Vista Campus

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	FRL	IEP	ELL
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2019-20	1060	1.6	8.9	7.0	77.3	0.1	4.0	0.7	>95.0	8.1	35.9
2020-21	1049	1.8	9.4	7.3	76.7	0.1	4.0	0.3	>95.0	8.6	38.6
2021-22	1057	2.7	9.0	6.0	76.9	0.1	3.9	1.0	>95.0	9.9	35.2
2022-23	1074	2.2	8.3	5.6	78.6	0.2	3.6	1.1	>95.0	9.2	36.4
2023-24	1103	2.4	7.0	5.7	80.8	0.1	2.8	0.9	>95.0	8.6	37.0
2024-25	1103	1.9	6.2	5.0	83.1	0	2.5	0.9	100.0	10.6	37.5

Cactus Campus

2025 Validation Day Data not available

A – Asian

B – Black

C – Caucasian

H – Hispanic

I – American Indian/Alaskan Native

M – Two or more races

P – Pacific Islander

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

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

ELL – English Language Learner

* Indicates data are suppressed to protect student privacy as the group size is less than 10.

Mater Academy Charter School Financial Performance

Year	Rating
2019 – 2020	Meets the Standard
2020 – 2021	Meets the Standard
2021 – 2022	Meets the Standard
2022 – 2023	Notice of Concern
2023 – 2024	Meets the Standard

Mater Academy Charter School Organizational Performance

Year	Rating
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
2024 – 2025	In Compliance

Bonanza Campus

2021–22 SPCSA Academic Performance Score/ Rating	Elementary: 59.1 / Meets Standard Middle: 60.2 / Meets Standard
2021–22 NSPF Index Score	Elementary: 48.5 Middle: 47.0
2022–23 SPCSA Academic Performance Score / Rating	Elementary: 66.4 / Meets Standard Middle: 66.5 / Meets Standard
2022–23 NSPF Index Score / Star Rating	Elementary: 54 / 3-star Middle: 52.5 / 3-star
2023–24 SPCSA Academic Performance Score / Rating	Elementary: 51.4 / Meets Standard Middle: 69.6 / Meets Standard
2023–24 NSPF Index Score / Star Rating	Elementary: 39.0 / 2-star Middle: 56.0 / 3-star
2024–25 NSPF Index Score / Star Rating	Elementary: 85.0 / 5-star Middle: 80.0 / 5-star

East Campus

2021–22 SPCSA Academic Performance Score/ Rating	Elementary: 30.9 / Does Not Meet Standard Middle: 58.6 / Meets Standard High: N/A / Not Rated
2021–22 NSPF Index Score	Elementary: 26.5 Middle: 46.0 High: 58.0
2022–23 SPCSA Academic Performance Score / Rating	Elementary: 52.6 / Meets Standard Middle: 63.3 / Meets Standard High: N/A / Not Rated
2022–23 NSPF Index Score / Star Rating	Elementary: 41.0 / 2-star Middle: 50.5 / 3-star High: 40.0 / Not Rated
2023–24 SPCSA Academic Performance Score / Rating	Elementary: 77.2 / Meets Standard Middle: 65.8 / Meets Standard High: N/A / Not Rated
2023–24 NSPF Index Score / Star Rating	Elementary: 67.0 / 4-star Middle: 53.0 / 3-star High: 60.7 / Not Rated
2024–25 NSPF Index Score / Star Rating	Elementary: 85.0 / 5-star Middle: 70.5 / 4-star High: 75.7 / 4-star

Mountain Vista Campus

2021–22 SPCSA Academic Performance Score/ Rating	Elementary: 72.6 / Meets Standard Middle: 89.3 / Exceeds Standard
2021–22 NSPF Index Score	Elementary: 61.0 Middle: 85.5
2022–23 SPCSA Academic Performance Score / Rating	Elementary: 77.7 / Meets Standard Middle: 74.7 / Meets Standard
2022–23 NSPF Index Score / Star Rating	Elementary: 64.5 / 3-star Middle: 64.5 / 3-star
2023–24 SPCSA Academic Performance Score / Rating	Elementary: 81.7 / Exceeds Standard Middle: 82.8 / Exceeds Standard
2023–24 NSPF Index Score / Star Rating	Elementary: 74.5 / 4-star Middle: 73.0 / 4-star
2024–25 NSPF Index Score / Star Rating	Elementary: 82.5 / 4-star Middle: 88.5 / 5-star

Cactus Campus

Not Rated