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## **ACTION MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** SPCSA Board

**FROM:** Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendations for Nevada Prep Charter School 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 elevating Notices of Concern to Notices of Breach for campuses with 1-star NSPF ratings.

The academic performance of Nevada Prep Charter School for the last three school years is provided below.

Nevada Prep Charter School	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	50.5 3-star	65.3 Meets Standard	12 1-star	23.2  Does Not Meet Standard	12.5 1-star	19.1 Below Standard
Middle School	56 3-star	70.6 Meets Standard	17 1-star	29.2  Does Not Meet Standard	26.5 1-star	32.7  Does Not Meet Standard

Nevada Prep Charter School received an academic Notice of Concern for its elementary and middle school performance in the 2023-2024 school year. For the 2024-2025 school year, both the elementary and middle school received a second, consecutive 1-star NSPF rating. The elementary school was rated *Below Standard* on the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework, and the middle school was rated *Does Not Meet Standard*. Based on this academic performance, SPCSA staff recommends elevating the academic Notice of Concern to a Notice of Breach.

It is also critical to note that <u>NRS 388A.300</u> requires the SPCSA to terminate the charter contract of a school that receives three consecutive 1-star NSPF ratings. Should the elementary and/or middle school level(s) receive a 1-star rating in 2025-2026 and not meet any of the additional exemption criteria established by SB460 (2025), the charter contract must be terminated for the applicable grade bands.

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> Elevate the academic Notices of Concern for Nevada Prep Charter School's elementary and middle school to academic Notices of Breach for the 2024-2025 school year.