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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Melissa Mackedon
SUBJECT: Executive Director Report
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School Highlight

Signature Preparatory's low chronic absenteeism rates serve as a strength. For the second consecutive year, both elementary and middle school grades registered rates below 5%. Elementary school reported 3.2 percent for the 2024-25 year, and middle school reported 1.9 percent, well below the SPCSA's district average of 16 percent for elementary grades and 13 percent for middle school grades. Additionally, on SPCSA's Academic Performance Framework (APF), the elementary and middle school grades earned 5 out of 5 points on the *Chronic Absenteeism Reduction Indicator*, helping the school meet the APF standards.

Delinquent PERS Update

Delinquent PERS payments as of 1/26. For a complete accounting of payments, please refer to the "Outstanding Charter Contribution Balance" sheet provided by PERS and included in the board materials.

NV Prep

As of . . .	Total Estimated Amount Due
12/31/2023	\$477,305.47
2/12/2024	\$466,966.09
3/31/2024	\$501,862.79
5/1/2024	\$481,609.99

5/31/24	\$353,263.60
6/30/24	\$332,565.80
7/31/2024	\$375,643.40
9/3/2024	\$411,635.51
11/1/2024	\$373,726.56
1/2/2025	\$238,856.91
2/28/2025	\$191,590.18
3/31/2025	\$176,928.63
5/1/2025	\$175,455.90
6/2/2025	\$135,087.38
7/1/2025	\$124,997.10
8/1/2025	\$82,718.43
10/1/2025	\$67,272.50
11/3/2025	\$122,70.29
12/1/2025	\$165,045.92
12/31/2025	\$169,450.48
3/02/2026	\$39,337.60

New Schools Update

SPCSA staff met with all schools in their incubation year on March 2, 2026, to get updates on facilities, hiring, and enrollment efforts. Importantly, Wildflower Montessori continues to work toward finalizing facilities. During these monthly check-ins, SPCSA staff also highlight upcoming documents due, including any unique conditions for each school.

SPCSA staff also meet with schools that opted for a two-year incubation period or have determined to defer a year during the first week of each month.

Legislative Council Bureau and Governor’s Finance Office School Visits

I attended charter school visits in Northern Nevada with the four staff members from the Legislative Council Bureau and three members from the Governor’s Finance Office on Monday, March 2, 2026. The group visited Pinecrest Academy of Northern Nevada, Alpine Academy, Mariposa Academy (WCSD charter school), and Mater Academy of Northern Nevada. Seeing schools in action provides nonpartisan fiscal and policy staff with important context and a practical frame of reference that strengthens their fiscal and policy analysis related to charter schools. When organizing these visits, we intentionally aim to showcase a diverse cross-section of Nevada’s charter sector, including Title I schools, small schools, different grade configurations, newly opened schools, under-enrolled schools, schools with waiting lists, and schools that utilized Nevada’s Charter School Facility Grant Program to finance their facilities. Our aim is to provide a balanced and transparent view of the charter sector by highlighting both its strengths and the challenges it faces.

On March 26, 2026, Marinna Cutler, Director of School Support, will tour the following Clark County charter schools: WYLEES, Beacon Academy, Young Women's Leadership Academy, Odyssey Charter School, and Coral Academy of Science, Tamarus Campus.

Public Meeting Attendance

Over the past month, the SPCSA had the opportunity to appear before several public bodies:

- February 10, 2026 – Board of Examiners. The SPCSA had a contract requiring approval on the agenda.
- February 12, 2026 – Metrics Subcommittee of Accountability Design. I was appointed to and attended this subcommittee meeting. The group is tasked with developing the District Performance Framework as required by SB 460 (2025 Legislative Session).
- February 12, 2026 – Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) Governing Board. SPCSA staff attended to answer questions regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between SPCSA and TMRPA. This MOU has been a multi-year effort to ensure that regional planning appropriately considers charter school growth as part of TMRPA's broader planning responsibilities.
- February 17, 2026 – Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education. The SPCSA presented information on outcomes in the charter school sector, as well as on challenges facing the sector and potential policy considerations.
- February 19, 2026 – Interim Finance Committee. The SPCSA brought forward two work programs that required approval.
- February 20, 2026 – School Funding Commission. The SPCSA presented information on charter school funding, including the role and purpose of reserve funds and how charter schools use them.
- February 26, 2026 – Legislative Commission. The Legislative Commission approved Regulation R080-24, which was brought forward by the SPCSA.