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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Authority Board
FROM: Danny Peltier, Management Analyst IV, SPCSA
SUBJECT: **Quest Academy– Charter Amendment Request to reduce enrollment cap**
DATE: March 13, 2026

Summary of Request and Recommendation

Quest Academy has submitted an amendment application requesting that the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) grant a Good Cause Exemption and approve the request to reduce its enrollment cap.

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

Background and Overview of the Amendment

Quest is located at 4025 N Rancho Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89130. Quest is requesting the SPCSA approve a reduction in its enrollment cap for the remainder of the charter term. As of the 2025 Validation Day, Quest had 415 students enrolled in grades K – 8.

According to the amendment application, Quest is requesting an amendment to reduce its approved enrollment cap to return to compliance with the charter contract enrollment requirements. The enrollment shortfall has occurred only in the current school year and does not represent a pattern of chronic under-enrollment. Quest noted that this adjustment aligns the charter with demonstrated enrollment patterns while preserving operational stability and program quality. The revised enrollment cap reflects historical enrollment data and provides an appropriate compliance buffer while maintaining fiscal discipline, instructional integrity, and long-term sustainability

Additionally, according to the amendment application, operating within a realistic enrollment range supports fiscal accuracy, staffing stability, and instructional coherence. It allows the school to maintain appropriate class sizes, protect academic gains, and continue effective implementation of its instructional model and the Leader in Me framework. The amendment is a proactive governance action

that benefits students, staff, and the broader school community.

Finally, Quest presented a fiscally conservative budget and noted that the proposed enrollment reduction reflects current enrollment realities already incorporated into the school’s operating budget. The amendment improves fiscal accuracy and long-term sustainability without requiring additional expenditures or budget revisions beyond standard annual plan.

If approved, the enrollment cap for Quest will be:

School Year	2025-26	2026-27
Grade Levels	K-8	K-8
Enrollment Cap	450	450

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. Regarding Quest’s academic performance, the middle school was rated as 4-stars and received 86.2. points on the SPCSA’s Academic Performance Framework, which exceeded standard. The elementary school was rated as 4-stars and received 87.4 points on the SPCSA’s Academic Performance Framework which exceeded standard. Quest was rated as In-Compliance on the 2024 – 25 Organizational Performance Framework. Quest was also found have met standards on the SPCSA’s 2025 Financial Performance Framework.

SPCSA staff supports the request of Quest to reduce its enrollment cap. Quest has a long history of consistent enrollment and although this year the school saw a minor decline, the school continues to be on strong financial and academic footing.

Proposed Motion: Grant Quest Academy’s Good Cause Exemption request and approve Quest’s request to reduce the enrollment cap as outlined in the recommendation memo.

If approved, the enrollment cap for Quest will be:

School Year	2025-26	2026-27
Grade Levels	K-8	K-8
Enrollment Cap	450	450

¹ NAC 388A.400(8) and NRS 388A.276

The current enrollment cap for Quest is:

School Year	2025-26	2026-27
Grade Levels	K-8	K-8
Enrollment Cap	500	500

Historical Performance and Demographic Information – Quest

School Total Enrollment and Demographics since 2021

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
21-22	475	2.1%	50.1%	11.7%	26.5%	1.2%	7.3%	0.8%	8.6%	8.8%	>95%
22-23	452	1.7%	48.4%	9.0%	29.4%	0.8%	8.8%	1.5%	6.8%	8.6%	>95%
23-24	452	1.7%	50.6%	7.7%	32.0%	0.6%	6.8%	0.2%	10.8%	10.1%	>95%
24-25	465	3.0%	44.0%	9.2%	35.2%	0.4%	7.3%	0.6%	11.1%	11.1%	>95%
25-26	415	2.8%	40.9%	9.1%	39.2%	0.2%	7.2%	0.2%	10.3%	8.4%	>95%

- 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

Quest Financial Performance

2021 – 2022	Notice of Concern
2022 – 2023	Meets Standard
2023 – 2024	Meets Standard
2024 – 2025	Meets Standard

Quest Organizational Performance

2021 – 2022	Meets Standard
2022 – 2023	Meets Standard
2023 – 2024	Meets Standard
2024 – 2025	In Compliance

Quest Academic Performance

School Year	NSPF Rating
2024 – 2025 Star Rating	Middle School: 4-star Elementary School: 4-star
2023 – 2024 Star Rating	Middle School: 3-star Elementary School: 1-star
2022 – 2023 Star Rating	Middle School: 4-stars Elementary School: 1-star

Quest 2024-25 SPCSA Academic Performance Framework Results

Campus	2024-25 SPCSA Academic Framework Score	2024-25 SPCSA Academic Framework Rating
Middle School	86.2	EXCEEDS STANDARD
Elementary School	87.4	EXCEEDS STANDARD

Quest 2023-24 SPCSA Academic Performance Framework Results

Campus	2023-24 SPCSA Academic Framework Score	2023-24 SPCSA Academic Framework Rating
Middle School	64.6	MEETS STANDARD
Elementary School	24.5	DOES NOT MEET STANDARD

Quest 2022-23 SPCSA Academic Performance Framework Results

Campus	2022-23 SPCSA Academic Framework Score	2022-23 SPCSA Academic Framework Rating
Middle School	71.0	MEETS STANDARD
Elementary School	21.1	DOES NOT MEET STANDARD