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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Authority Board
FROM: Danny Peltier, Management Analyst IV, SPCSA
SUBJECT: **Nevada State High School - Flagship– Charter Amendment Request to combine and reduce enrollment cap**
DATE: April 17, 2026

Summary of Request and Recommendation

Nevada State High School has submitted an amendment application requesting that the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) approve a request to combine its caps across the network of satellite campuses and to reduce its enrollment cap.

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

Background and Overview of the Amendment

NSHS operates 8 satellite campuses that serve as a location for students to engage with NSHS staff while they attend college classes in Clark County. NSHS is requesting the SPCSA approve combining the cap for each of those campuses into a single cap for the network and a reduction in its enrollment cap for the remainder of the charter term. As of the 2025 Validation Day, NSHS had 769 students enrolled in grades 11 – 12 across the 8 campuses.

According to the amendment application, NSHS is seeking an amendment to combine and reduce its enrollment cap for SYE 2026 through SYE 2029, based on being below our projected targets for several campuses for SYE 2026. Combining the individual school caps into one enrollment cap for our southern Nevada Flagship charter allows the school to consistently serve students network-wide while flexibly accounting for year-over-year enrollment differences at individual campuses.

If approved, the enrollment cap for NSHS will be:

School Year	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28¹	2028-29
Grade Levels	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12
Enrollment Cap	816	857	900	945

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.²

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 NSHS’s academic performance, the high school satellite campuses were rated as 4 and 5-stars and either met or exceeded standards under the SPCSA’s Academic Performance Framework. NSHS was rated as In Compliance on the 2024 – 25 Organizational Performance Framework. NSHS was rated as Meets the Standard on the SPCSA’s 2025 Financial Performance Framework.

SPCSA staff supports the request of NSHS to combine and reduce its enrollment cap. NSHS offers a unique model in the SPCSA’s portfolio with students spending the majority of their time on college campuses. As such, the enrollment of each satellite campus is highly unpredictable which has made it difficult for both the school and SPCSA staff to set consistent caps for each campus year-over-year. The school is in a strong financial position and has always been strong academically. Combining the caps into one total cap will allow the school to make better enrollment projections for its budgeting purposes and cut down on the paperwork that both the SPCSA and the school need to complete to adjust the enrollment at each of the satellite campuses.

Proposed Motion: Approve Nevada State High School Academy’s request to combine the Flagship campuses enrollment caps and to reduce the enrollment cap as outlined in the recommendation memo.

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² NAC 388A.400(8) and NRS 388A.276

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Historical Performance and Demographic Information – NSHS Flagship

Nevada State High School Downtown

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
21-22	54	7.4%	22.2%	5.5%	55.5%	0.0%	7.4%	1.8%	*	*	70.3%
22-23	65	6.1%	18.4%	4.6%	66.1%	0.0%	4.6%	0.0%	*	*	75.3%
23-24	40	2.5%	12.5%	5.0%	80.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	*	*	62.5%
24-25	22	4.5%	9.0%	13.6%	72.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	*	*	72.7%
25-26	9	11.1%	11.1%	0.0%	66.6%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	22.2%	55.5%

Nevada State High School Downtown Henderson

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
21-22	106	4.7%	1.8%	66.9%	19.8%	0.0%	5.6%	0.9%	*	0.0%	13.2%
22-23	120	6.6%	3.3%	60.8%	22.5%	0.0%	6.6%	0.0%	*	0.0%	16.6%
23-24	118	5.0%	1.6%	66.1%	17.7%	0.0%	8.4%	0.8%	*	0.0%	19.4%
24-25	100	5.0%	1.0%	65%	19.0%	0.0%	9.0%	1.0%	*	*	17.0%
25-26	92	6.5%	4.3%	69.5%	10.8%	0.0%	7.6%	1.0%	3.2%	2.1%	17.3%

Nevada State High School Henderson

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
21-22	258	10.4%	3.1%	52.3%	25.1%	0.0%	7.7%	1.1%	*	*	23.2%
22-23	246	14.6%	6.5%	42.6%	26.0%	0.4%	7.3%	2.4%	*	*	25.2%
23-24	229	14.4%	6.9%	43.2%	24.8%	0.8%	7.4%	2.1%	1.3%	3.0%	21.8%
24-25	182	9.4%	4.3%	44.5%	28.5%	0.0%	11.5%	1.6%	*	*	24.1%
25-26	174	10.9%	4.0%	38.5%	33.3%	0.0%	10.9%	2.2%	0.0%	5.1%	28.1%

Nevada State High School North Las Vegas

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
21-22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22-23	67	2.9%	28.3%	16.4%	44.7%	1.4%	5.9%	0.0%	*	*	50.7%

23-24	80	6.2%	28.7%	11.2%	43.7%	1.2%	8.7%	0.0%	1.2%	5.0%	45.0%
24-25	55	7.2%	25.4%	10.9%	50.9%	0.0%	5.4%	0.0%	*	*	47.2%
25-26	54	1.8%	20.3%	24.0%	48.1%	0.0%	5.5%	0.0%	1.8%	3.7%	57.4%

Nevada State High School Northwest

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
21-22	118	5.0%	15.2%	37.2%	29.6%	0.8%	10.1%	1.6%	*	*	26.2%
22-23	130	6.9%	10.0%	33.8%	32.3%	0.7%	14.6%	1.5%	*	*	27.6%
23-24	122	3.2%	9.0%	32.7%	31.1%	1.6%	19.6%	2.4%	0.8%	2.4%	23.7%
24-25	126	2.3%	9.5%	40.4%	29.3%	0.7%	15.0%	2.3%	*	*	19.8%
25-26	116	5.1%	6.0%	54.3%	20.6%	0.0%	12.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.8%	18.1%

Nevada State High School Southwest

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
21-22	121	11.5%	28.9%	23.9%	23.1%	0.0%	9.9%	2.4%	*	*	41.3%
22-23	131	18.3%	16.7%	25.9%	26.7%	0.7%	10.6%	0.7%	*	*	40.4%
23-24	139	23.0%	20.1%	22.3%	23.7%	0.0%	10.0%	0.7%	0.7%	3.5%	35.2%
24-25	145	20.6%	27.5%	17.2%	24.1%	0.0%	10.3%	0.0%	*	*	37.2%
25-26	148	14.1%	29.0%	23.6%	18.9%	0.0%	13.5%	0.6%	0.0%	6.7%	31.7%

Nevada State High School Summerlin

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
21-22	21-22	176	9.6%	14.2%	34.6%	35.2%	0.0%	5.6%	0.5%	*	*
22-23	157	8.9%	15.2%	28.6%	33.7%	0.0%	10.8%	2.5%	*	*	30.5%
23-24	131	10.6%	16.0%	22.1%	31.2%	0.0%	18.3%	1.5%	0.7%	1.5%	36.6%
24-25	101	10.8%	7.9%	22.7%	36.6%	0.0%	18.8%	2.9%	*	*	35.6%
25-26	126	10.3%	21.4%	22.2%	35.7%	0.0%	8.7%	1.5%	0.7%	7.1%	45.2%

Nevada State High School Sunrise

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
21-22	80	2.5%	13.7%	10.0%	60.0%	2.5%	10.0%	1.2%	*	*	56.2%
22-23	80	5.0%	15.0%	5.0%	70.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	*	*	55.0%
23-24	51	1.9%	11.7%	5.8%	68.6%	0.0%	11.7%	0.0%	0.0%	7.8%	66.6%
24-25	46	0.0%	17.3%	6.5%	58.6%	0.0%	15.2%	2.1%	*	*	56.5%
25-26	50	4.0%	12.0%	8.0%	68.0%	0.0%	6.0%	2.0%	0.0%	4.0%	64.0%

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

Nevada State High School Financial Performance

Year	Rating
2021 – 2022	Meets the Standard
2022 – 2023	Meets the Standard
2023 – 2024	Meets the Standard
2024 – 2025	Meets the Standard

Nevada State High School Organizational Performance

Year	Rating
2021 – 2022	Meets the Standard
2022 – 2023	Meets the Standard
2023 – 2024	Meets the Standard
2024 – 2025	In Compliance

Nevada State High School Academic Performance

School Year	NSPF Rating
2024 – 2025 Star Ratings	Downtown: 4-stars Summerlin: 5-stars Henderson: 5-stars Sunrise: 5-stars Southwest: 5-stars Downtown Henderson: 5-stars Northwest: 5-stars North Las Vegas: 4-stars
2023 – 2024 Star Ratings	Downtown: 4-stars Summerlin: 5-stars Henderson: 5-stars Sunrise: 5-stars Southwest: 5-stars Downtown Henderson: 5-stars Northwest: 5-stars North Las Vegas: 5-stars
2022 – 2023 Star Ratings	Downtown: 5-stars Summerlin: 5-stars Henderson: 5-stars Sunrise: 5-stars Southwest: 5-stars Downtown Henderson: 5-stars Northwest: 5-stars North Las Vegas: Not Rated

Nevada State High School 2024-25 SPCSA Academic Performance Framework Results

Campus	2023-24 SPCSA Academic Framework Score	2023-24 SPCSA Academic Framework Rating
NSHS Downtown HS	87.0	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Downtown Henderson HS	100	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Henderson HS	93.1	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Northwest HS	96.8	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Southwest HS	96.8	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Summerlin HS	96.8	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Sunrise HS	92.5	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS North Las Vegas HS	96.8	EXCEEDS STANDARD

Nevada State High School 2023-24 SPCSA Academic Performance Framework Results

Campus	2023-24 SPCSA Academic Framework Score	2023-24 SPCSA Academic Framework Rating
NSHS Downtown HS	77.5	MEETS STANDARD
NSHS Downtown Henderson HS	86.5	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Henderson HS	85.8	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Northwest HS	87	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Southwest HS	87.5	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Summerlin HS	85.8	EXCEEDS STANDARD

NSHS Sunrise HS	84.7	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS North Las Vegas HS	86.5	EXCEEDS STANDARD

Nevada State High School 2022-23 SPCSA Academic Performance Framework Results

Campus	2022-23 SPCSA Academic Framework Score	2022-23 SPCSA Academic Framework Rating
NSHS Downtown HS	89	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Downtown Henderson HS	92	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Henderson HS	89	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Northwest HS	88.7	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Southwest HS	89.7	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Summerlin HS	90	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Sunrise HS	90	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS North Las Vegas HS	N/A	NOT RATED

Nevada State High School 2021-22 SPCSA Academic Performance Framework Results⁴

Campus	2021-22 SPCSA Academic Framework Score	2021-22 SPCSA Academic Framework Rating
NSHS Downtown HS	75.3	MEETS STANDARD
NSHS Downtown Henderson HS	89.0	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Henderson HS	90.0	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Northwest HS	89.5	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Southwest HS	93.0	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Summerlin HS	86.3	EXCEEDS STANDARD
NSHS Sunrise HS	89.8	EXCEEDS STANDARD

⁴ The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) calculated NSPF index scores for the 2021-22 school year but did not calculate corresponding star ratings (shown as N/A). 2021-22 NSPF details and rules can be found at: <http://nevadareportcard.nv.gov/DI/MoreDownload?filename=Nevada%20School%20Performance%20Framework%20Manual%202021-22%20School%20Year.pdf>