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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Authority Board
FROM: Danny Peltier, Management Analyst IV, SPCSA
SUBJECT: **Rainbow Dreams Academy– Charter Amendment Request to Reduce its Enrollment Cap**
DATE: April 17, 2026

Summary of Request and Recommendation

Rainbow Dreams Academy (RDA) has submitted an amendment application requesting that the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) approve a request 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

RDA was approved to transfer sponsorship from CCSD to the SPCSA in January 2025 and is currently under the first year of SPCSA sponsorship. RDA currently offers pre-k and Kindergarten and had 59 students enrolled in the kindergarten level.

According to the amendment application, request is driven by documented and ongoing enrollment challenges that are both localized and reflective of broader regional and economic trends. Additionally, according to RDA, reducing the kindergarten cap to 58 students aligns the cap with the current enrollment immediately bringing the school into compliance. It also provides a realistic buffer within the 10% requirement, accounting for minor fluctuations. Further, the reduced enrollment reflects actual community demand without overextending staffing or resources and supports program quality and class size integrity, particularly critical in early childhood education settings.

Finally, according to the amendment application the school has developed and is actively implementing a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) focused on three key areas:

1. Strategic Classroom Utilization:

The school will continue operating classrooms aligned to actual enrollment, maintaining ratios and opening new classrooms only as enrollment supports full staffing.

2. Targeted Recruitment and Outreach:
Expanded recruitment efforts are underway through partnerships with community organizations, including Nevada Partners, local churches, and law enforcement agencies. These efforts are designed to increase access for eligible families and maximize enrollment toward our student capacity.
3. Rolling admissions until school has reached capacity.

The proposed enrollment cap for RDA will be:

School Year	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Grade Levels	K	K	K
Enrollment Cap	58	60	60

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. RDA is in its first year of operation under SPCSA sponsorship and therefore does not have performance results to analyze. However, SPCSA staff do not have concern regarding RDA’s performance during its initial year of operation under SPCSA sponsorship.

Regarding the amendment request, SPCSA staff is recommending approval. RDA offers a unique model with a focus on pre-K and Kindergarten and is susceptible to enrollment variations if there is a lower than anticipated pre-K enrollment. Overall, the school appears to be financially sustainable.

Proposed Motion: Approve Rainbow Dream Academy’s request to reduce its enrollment cap as detailed in the recommendation memo:

If approved, the enrollment cap for RDA will be:

School Year	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Grade Levels	K	K	K
Enrollment Cap	58	60	60

¹ NAC 388A.400(8) and NRS 388A.276

The current enrollment cap for RDA is:

School Year	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Grade Levels	K	K	K
Enrollment Cap	80	80	80

Enrollment and Demographic Information - WYLEES

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
25-26	59	0.4%	66.8%	0.8%	23.1%	0.0%	7.8%	0.8%	*	0.0%	>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

**Historical Performance, Academic, Financial, and Organizational Performance –
Not Applicable**