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ACTION MEMORANDUM

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

Summary of Request and Recommendation

Southern Nevada Trades High School (SNTHS) has submitted an amendment application requesting that the State Public Charter School Authority 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

SNTHS is located at the 1580 Bledsoe Lane Las Vegas 89110. SNTHS is currently in its third year of operation and serves grades 9th through 12th. As of Validation Day 2025, SNTHS had 250 students enrolled.

According to the amendment application, SNTHS board and staff have re-evaluated the rate at which the school believes enrollment will grow based on the growth has been seen over the past three years. After this evaluation SNTHS realized that it would need to reduce its enrollment cap to reflect a more realistic rate of growth.

Additionally, according to the amendment application, the school has continued to engage with an outreach coordinator as well as social media marketers through a program offered by Opportunity 180. The engagement’s main focus is on building relationships with key individuals at feeder schools and SNTHS has found success in establishing those and reaching potential families. SNTHS is also engaging current families and students as ambassadors to bring families to events and on tours. SNTHS continues to fundraise in order to close gaps that have occurred due to lower than expected enrollment.

Finally, in response to the lower than anticipated enrollment, SNTHS has amended its budget to reflect both the current enrollment and projected enrollment for the next three years. The school continues to adjust costs in areas such as the facility, staffing, and supplies.

If approved, the enrollment cap for SNTHS will be:

School Year	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Grade Levels	9-12	9-12	9-12	9-12
Enrollment Cap	257	283	325	390

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 SNTHS’s academic performance, the high school has yet to be rated as the school continued to build out to the full 9th through 12th grade bands. SNTHS was rated as Out-of-Compliance on the 2024 – 25 Organizational Performance Framework. SNTHS received a Financial Notice of Concern on the SPCSA’s 2024 Financial Performance Framework.

SPCSA staff supports the request of SNTHS to reduce its enrollment cap. SNTHS has been implementing a slow growth enrollment model and is now at full grade band capacity. Due to the unique offering of the trades and construction-focused model the school has taken a bit longer to fill enrollment as they originally projected. SPCSA staff would note the school did add around 80 students between the 2024 – 25 and 2025 – 26 school year and expects to increase enrollment each year for the remainder of the charter term.

Proposed Motion: Approve Southern Nevada Trades High School’s request to reduce the enrollment cap as outlined in the recommendation memo.

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¹ NAC 388A.400(8) and NRS 388A.276

The current enrollment cap for SNTHS is:

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Grade Levels	9 – 12	9 – 12	9 – 12	9 – 12
Enrollment Cap	325	400	400	400

School Demographics since 2023 – SNTHS

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
23-24	83	0.0%	25.3%	22.8%	49.3%	0.0%	1.2%	1.2%	19.2%	12.0%	61.4%
24-25	182	0.5%	27.4%	8.2%	59.8%	0.0%	3.2%	0.5%	15.3%	16.4%	>95%
25-26	250	0.4%	28.4%	7.6%	60.8%	0.0%	2.8%	0.0%	9.2%	18.0%	>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

Organizational Performance

2023 – 2024	Meets the Standard
2024 – 2025	Out of Compliance

Financial Performance

2024 – 2025	Notice of Concern
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Academic Performance – Not Rated