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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing
SUBJECT: Updated Condition Deadlines for Northern Nevada Wildflower Montessori
DATE: May 15, 2026

Background:

Northern Nevada Wildflower Montessori was approved to open in the 2026–2027 school year but will defer opening until 2027–2028. As a result, the deadlines associated with their approval conditions must be revised to align with the new opening year. If a school does not meet any of these conditions by the applicable deadline, it will not be permitted to open and must submit a new charter application for consideration and approval by the SPCSA Board. Additional information regarding each school is provided below.

Northern Nevada Wildflower Montessori:

Northern Nevada Wildflower Montessori was approved to operate a charter school at the SPCSA Board meeting on August 22, 2025. The school intends to open with grades K–3, serving approximately 29 students, and to expand to grades K–6 by the end of its first charter term. Northern Nevada Wildflower plans to locate in Reno/Sparks, with a proposed site within the 89502, 89503, 89506, 89512, 89519, 89501, 89431, or 89433 zip codes.

The school’s mission statement is to provide a high-quality, holistic, and authentic Montessori education that integrates rigorous academic standards and emotional intelligence. Honoring all backgrounds and cultures, students are empowered to reach their full potential and become compassionate leaders, innovators, and ethical citizens who contribute positively to the world as changemakers.

Following its meeting on April 13, 2026, the governing board requested a one-year deferral of the school's opening, which was approved by SPCSA staff on April 14, 2026, with updated condition deadlines as follows:

1. By January 1, 2027, provide evidence that a school leader has been hired.
2. By June 1, 2027, submit a fully executed lease for a facility that will meet the needs of the school for the 2026-- 2027 school year located in the 89502, 89503, 89506, 89512, 89519, 89501, 89431, or 89433 zip codes.
3. At the conclusion of the New School Enrollment audit in June 2027, provide evidence that Northern Nevada Wildflower Montessori has at least 23 students enrolled for the 2027 – 2028 school year.
4. By June 8, 2027, submit a board-approved Final Budget that includes revenue based on the fully enrolled student count at the time of board approval and accurately incorporates expenses for the identified facility.
5. Complete the SPCSA pre-opening process for new charter schools, which includes meeting document submission deadlines as required by SPCSA staff, participating in required trainings, and attending monthly meetings.

Proposed Motion: Approve the updated pre-opening conditions for Northern Nevada Wildflower Montessori as written in the board memo.