

Dear SPCSA Staff and Board Members,

My name is Rachel Christensen, and I have been teaching at Doral Academy of Northern Nevada since 2018, when our school first opened its doors. Doral is a truly special place! One that is difficult to fully describe unless you have experienced firsthand the community, culture, and sense of belonging that exists within our school.

This year has been especially meaningful to me because I have had the privilege of watching my very first group of kindergarten students become eighth graders. I am incredibly proud of the young people they have become and grateful to have witnessed their growth throughout their years at Doral. At the same time, it is heartbreaking knowing that at the end of this year, many of these students will leave the community they have grown up in and be spread among different high schools. Having another Doral campus that provides a high school option would be a game changer for these students and families, allowing them to continue their education within the community that has supported them for so many years.

My connection to Doral also extends beyond my role as an educator. I have two young children of my own, ages four and one, who will attend Doral when they are old enough. My family deeply believes in the education, opportunities, and genuine care Doral provides its students. I cannot imagine sending my children anywhere else, and I would feel incredibly fortunate for them to have the opportunity to receive their entire K-12 education within the Doral community.

Doral Academy of Northern Nevada is more than a school to so many of us. It is a community that students, families, and staff have invested in and grown alongside. Expanding the opportunity for students to remain within that community through high school would have a meaningful and lasting impact on both our current families and generations of future Doral Dragons.

I respectfully ask that the SPCSA Board approve the amendment as submitted and provide this opportunity for our current students, families, staff, and future Doral Dragons in Northern Nevada.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and commitment to Nevada's students.

Sincerely,

Rachel Christensen
Doral Academy of Northern Nevada