

Members of the Authority,

I'd like to comment on Agenda Item 4 regarding the SPCSA Governance Standards.

These standards outline clear expectations for boards, including protecting students and employees, upholding legal and ethical duties, and ensuring an inclusive, positive, and supportive environment. Section 1 calls for boards to commit to the academic, social, and emotional success of all students, and Section 2 requires boards to “establish and uphold school and board policies that protect the organization, its students, and employees.”

My family's experience at Pinecrest Cadence raises a question about whether there are effective controls in place to ensure schools are actually adhering to these standards. In our case, the only way to uncover systemic issues — including confidentiality breaches, withheld records, and governance-level misconduct — was for me, as a parent, to initiate formal FERPA and Nevada public-records requests. Without those actions, Pinecrest's governing board would have ended my advocacy with no right to appeal under its own policy.

This suggests that when a governing board does not follow its own standards, families may not have meaningful protections. I respectfully ask the Authority to consider whether current oversight mechanisms are sufficient to detect and address governance failures before they cause harm.

Governance Standards can only achieve their intended purpose if they are supported by systems that monitor compliance and protect students and families when boards fall short.

Thank you for your attention.

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