

Doral Academy of Northern Nevada
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Dear SPCSA Staff and Board Members,

What an exciting time this is for future possibilities for Doral Academy, our current students and families, our prospective ones and our community! As a parent of three children who have been at Doral for four years, and as an employee who has been here for over three, I can attest to the uniqueness, values, vision, experiences, dedication, high-performance academic culture and necessity of our current school as well as our new K-12 one, Doral Meadows.

When we first came to town, I kept hearing through a variety of parents how outstanding of a school Doral was and how pleased they were, what unique opportunities students were given, that it has the Purple Star designation and that it has a substantial level of high academic rigor and attention to detail, just to name a few, so my interest my perked. All of my children were first students before I became an employee here; I was so appreciative of, and impressed with, the qualifications and involvement of admin and staff, in addition to how the students are so thoroughly educated, nurtured, looked out for and presented with opportunities, that I decided I'd like to work here, and have been in the front office now for over three years.

The demand and need for Doral Meadows is apparent and consistent. Throughout my time as an employee, I have witnessed firsthand the demand for enrollment at this school and how much interest there is from the community for a new one, in addition to having a high school option. I speak to families all day long on the phone as well as face to face so I have had innumerable conversations and have received countless amounts of calls over the years from interested parents, even grandparents, both within the state and from those who are in the process of moving here, who want their students enrolled, some of whom have been trying for years to get in but to no avail. Many of these near-weekly calls and inquiries come outside of the open lottery enrollment window, which not only brings disheartenment from the parents that they missed their opportunity months ago to try for enrollment for the current school year, but which is also evidence that there is continued and consistent interest all throughout the calendar/school year.

I am also routinely asked what the chances are their student will get in for the current school year based on the child's current waitlist number. I have heard exasperation, frustration, desperation and disbelief when I am unable to give them a definitive answer, when interested or current parents have a waitlist number in the sixties for their prospective student or for a sibling of a currently enrolled one, when they are unable to get all their children enrolled here simultaneously and when I tell them we have very, very low turnover and/or that they are outside of our lottery window. I have even had parents offer to pay tuition for their children to be able to attend here and we routinely get calls from extremely interested military families wanting to know if their service in our armed forces will increase their chances of admission. We are a military family

ourselves for over two decades, so I can attest to the attention, recognition and support Doral gives its military children and families, our armed forces as a whole and special national events and holidays such as Month of the Military Children and Veteran's Day. I hear from interested parents routinely that they want a choice in where they send their child to school and that they don't want to have to be forced by default to go to one in the district.

Because of my job duties and responsibilities, I have the benefit of having a front facing view toward our families and community members and the advantage of hearing about their experiences, professions, connections, needs and requests, while at the same time being in close proximity to our administration and staff so I am able to see the valuable networking and advocacy that goes on here and the resources, opportunities and associations that the school has and fosters with our parents and community. I see our principal, administration and staff doing more with less; I see them seeking out and bringing to fruition very unique opportunities for our students; I see their attention to detail, follow through and glimpse some of their fiscal responsibility; I see and hear about the actions they're taking for the new school and the vision that they have for it and the guests that come; I see many different facets of how they run our current school and the interests and needs of our parents and community and what they want to offer the school in return to help maximize, connect and make more robust resources, academics and partnerships. For example, as a Doral and aviation family ourselves, we are very excited about the prospective aviation program our principal is advocating to have at Doral Meadows.

Please approve this amendment for our new Doral Meadows K-12 school; the community has vocalized and shown that they want and know they have a right to pick their school of choice, the demand and need for it is there and so are the connections, skills, plans and vision. The students will be very well cared for and given a specialized, thorough and extremely high-quality education. If my experience with the community is any indication, the new school will be filled with students in no time! Thank you so much for your time and consideration!

Gratefully,



Tara LaZier