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Subject: URGENT: Please Consider This Letter of Support for Doral's K-12 Expansion Before the October 9 Vote

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To the Members of the Board,

I am writing in strong support of Doral Academy of Northern Nevada's proposed K-12 campus on UNR property off Veterans Parkway, including its Career and Technical Education (CTE) program.

I have three boys attending Doral: one in eighth grade, one in fifth grade, and one in third grade. This is our family's third year with Doral, and it has been life changing for my children in more ways than one.

My oldest son began his education in Washoe County public schools. He has had an IEP since first grade and has struggled with dyslexia for years. He was consistently one and sometimes two, grade levels behind. With Doral's program and genuine care, he is now performing at grade level and earned the highest overall GPA of his academic career this past quarter. As his mother, seeing that progress, and the confidence that comes with it, means more than I can express.

We did not initially choose Doral because of its academic accolades. We chose it because of how we felt when we first toured the school as a possible middle school option. It felt like home. It felt safe, warm, and incredibly encouraging. I knew immediately that if my children were blessed with a spot in the lottery, I would gladly make the 45-minute drive each way.

It took a few years to get all three boys enrolled. At one point, they attended multiple different schools. The waiting, driving, and juggling were worth it.

This year, with all three boys finally at Doral, we experienced the depth of its community in a way I never could have anticipated. On August 22, our family lost our home of ten years in the Hawk Fire. During the hardest time in our lives, Doral showed up for us.

Principal Orr and my son's fifth-grade teacher came personally to offer support our family. The school helped replace uniforms and school supplies, but its care extended far beyond those practical needs. Doral helped my boys feel supported and connected when so much of their world had suddenly changed. It gave our family stability when we desperately needed it.

I know other schools can offer a strong sense of community. What I can speak to personally is that Doral does. We have lived it.

A second campus would bring Doral's academic opportunities, encouragement, and sense of belonging to more Northern Nevada families. Expanding through high school would allow students like my oldest son to continue learning in a community that knows them and has helped them succeed.

Our community also needs more CTE opportunities. Families seeking seats at Debbie Smith and AACT demonstrate the demand for strong academics paired with hands-on learning that prepares students for careers and life beyond the classroom. Students who are not selected through those lotteries deserve additional pathways to pursue their goals. Doral's commitment to excellence, innovative teaching, and passionate educators gives me confidence that its CTE program would meet that need.

Doral has been a beacon for research-driven teaching in Northern Nevada. We need educators who share successful practices and learn from one another to raise achievement across our state. Please allow Doral to build on its momentum and extend its impact. Our children deserve that progress.

You already have Doral's academic record before you. What I hope this letter adds is the perspective of a mother who has watched this school help her children succeed and carry her family through an unimaginable loss.

Please vote in support of Doral's proposed K-12 campus and CTE program. Give more families the opportunity to experience what this school has meant to ours, and allow its positive impact on Northern Nevada to continue growing.

Thank you for your time and for considering my letter despite its late submission.

Sincerely,
Jordan Lapin
Doral Parent