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Dear SPCSA Staff and Board Members:

My name is Eric Mortensen, and I have one child at Doral Academy of Northern Nevada. Our son, James, is currently in sixth grade.

Doral has been a great fit for James. He is receiving a strong education, is appropriately challenged, and is part of a supportive school community. Doral has demonstrated strong results and built a community that families want to be a part of. Extending that model through high school provides academic continuity for current students and a strong public-school option for Northern Nevada families.

The proposed high school matters directly to our family. Because James is in sixth grade, a Doral high school opening before he reaches ninth grade would give us the valuable option of continuing with a school and educational approach that we already know works for him.

I recognize that a new Doral high school may affect WCSD enrollment and that WCSD has been a vocal opponent of the proposal. However, I believe the interests of students and families should come first. Families choosing one public school over another should be viewed as meaningful evidence of demand—not as a reason to deny them that choice. If families are choosing Doral, that should encourage every public-school provider to examine what those families value and work to offer options they will choose.

I respectfully ask the SPCSA Board to approve Doral Academy of Northern Nevada's charter amendment as submitted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Eric Mortensen
DANN Parent

