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Dear Members of the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority,

I am writing as a parent of two children at Doral Academy of Northern Nevada (DANN)—a 7th grader and a 5th grader—to respectfully ask for your vote in favor of the amendment allowing DANN to build a new K-12 campus on the UNR Farms Parcel through a long-term ground lease and affiliation agreement with UNR.

Our family has been part of the DANN community for nearly 6 years after waiting on the waitlist for 2 years prior. As an active school volunteer and former teacher assistant at Depoali MS and Sparks MS, I have seen the inner workings of several schools, and DANN's approach to whole-child education is truly exceptional.

Before attending DANN, my daughter struggled socially at our zoned school and was not sufficiently challenged. After enrolling at DANN in 2nd grade, the teachers, counselors, and staff went above and beyond—offering dedicated support, organizing social integration groups, and collaborating directly with our family. Today, both of my children are thriving, participating in the Gifted and Talented Program, and excelling academically, socially, and emotionally.

DANN prioritizes overall development alongside academics, offering strong arts, music, and PE programs, small-group learning, and a supportive, low-bullying culture with cross-grade peer mentorship.

While our current site faces physical space and traffic constraints typical of charter facilities, a new campus on the UNR Farms Parcel would provide much-needed room to grow and enhance educational opportunities for current and future students.

DANN has been transformative for my children, and this expanded campus and university partnership will allow them to bring that same high-quality, whole-child education to even more Northern Nevada families. Thank you for your time, dedication, and support of our students.

Sincerely,

Ashley Shaw
DANN Parent & Community Volunteer