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Dear SPCSA,

Thank you for considering the proposed charter amendment for Doral Academy of Northern Nevada. I am writing to share my family's experience with Doral and to express my strong support for the amendment and continued expansion of educational opportunities for students and families seeking a place at Doral.

My eldest daughter was initially placed on the waitlist for Doral. In January 2026, she was fortunate enough to transfer from a local public middle school. The transition has been transformative.

At her previous school, she experienced significant anxiety related to frequent exposure to fighting, bullying, and other inappropriate student behavior. Since transferring to Doral, we have seen a remarkable change. She has found a supportive community, caring and engaged staff, and an academically challenging environment that encourages her to succeed. Most importantly, she feels safe, supported, and connected to her school.

Our experience with the lottery and waitlist process has also given us a firsthand understanding of the challenges families face. My younger daughter was placed on the waitlist for the 2025–2026 school year and was not offered a seat. We reapplied for the 2026–2027 school year, and she was fortunate to receive an offer three days after the school year began.

We understand the need for a fair enrollment process, but the uncertainty of the waitlist can be extremely stressful for both parents and children. Families are asked to reapply without knowing whether they will have a meaningful opportunity to attend the following year. For families who have experienced the difference that Doral can make, that uncertainty can be particularly difficult.

I truly believe that students and families who choose Doral should have meaningful access to the school when space and the applicable enrollment requirements allow. The combination of a supportive school culture, engaged educators, and a challenging academic curriculum has made Doral an exceptional choice for our family.

The opportunity for my middle-school-aged daughter to continue her education within the Doral system through high school would be incredibly meaningful to our family. Our current zoned high school does not align well with her educational goals, and the school culture there leaves me apprehensive as a parent. Having a high school option where she can continue in an environment where she feels safe, supported, challenged, and known would provide tremendous value.

Our family has experienced firsthand what access to Doral can mean for a student. I respectfully ask that you consider that experience as you evaluate the proposed charter amendment. Expanding access to Doral would provide more students with the opportunity to thrive in an environment that has made such a positive difference for our family.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to ensuring Nevada families have access to high-quality educational options.

Sincerely,

Autumn Stegall