



# **Nevada State Public Charter School Authority**

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## **Assembly Bill 462**

October 10, 2019

# The State Public Charter School Authority

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## **Charter School Sponsor**

- Authorize public charter schools across the state of Nevada
- Responsible for oversight and monitoring to ensure
  - Positive academic outcomes
  - Strong stewardship of public dollars

## **Political Subdivision of the State of Nevada**, created in 2011

- 9-Member Board (2 members appointed by State Board)

# SPCSA-Sponsored Schools



**60 Schools**

Sponsored by the SPCSA

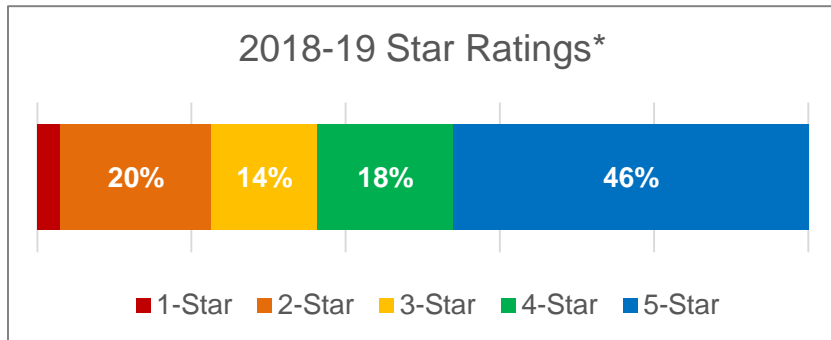


**Approximately 45,000 Students**

Attending schools sponsored by the SPCSA

- Schools located in 5 counties
  - (Churchill, Clark, Elko, Washoe, White Pine)
  - 85% of SPCSA-Sponsored schools are located in Clark County

- Schools open to all students, no admission criteria



2018-19 School Year*	
36%	Students Qualifying for Free/Reduced Lunch
7%	English Learners
9%	Special Education Students

*\*Includes former Achievement School District Schools*

## Key Requirements of Assembly Bill 462

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AB 462 has four key components that will directly impact the work of the SPCSA.

- 1 Provide *written notice* to local school district and Department of any notices of intent, new school applications, amendment requests and approvals
- 2 Conduct the *Academic and Demographic Academic Needs Assessment* to identify geographic areas within the state that are in need of high quality school options by **July 30, 2019** and use this tool to inform authorizing decisions going forward.
- 3 Submit initial *Growth Management Plan* by **January 1, 2020**

## Written Notice

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Notify the Department and Local School District when the SPCSA:

- a. Receives notice of intent to submit an application to operate a charter school;
- b. Receives an application to operate a charter school;
- c. Receives a request to amend the charter contract;
- d. Approves an application to operate a charter school or a request to amend the charter contract of a charter school.

## Overview of Identified Needs for 2019 Academic and Demographic Needs Assessment

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### Demographics

Applicants meeting this need will propose a school model that includes demonstrated capacity, credible plans, and thorough research and analysis in order to intentionally serve the following student populations, each of which have on aggregate, historically underperformed based on data provided by the Nevada Department of Education: Students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunch, English Learners, and students with IEP. Successful applicants will demonstrate the capacity to support these student populations in achieving academic performance at or above the state average.

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### Academic Need: Geographies with 1 and 2 Star Schools

Applicants meeting this need will seek to provide access to 3, 4 and 5-Star schools in zip codes where students are attending a 1- or 2-Star school. A map and list of zip codes will be provided; SPCSA charter schools will be removed from the data set used to identify zip codes.

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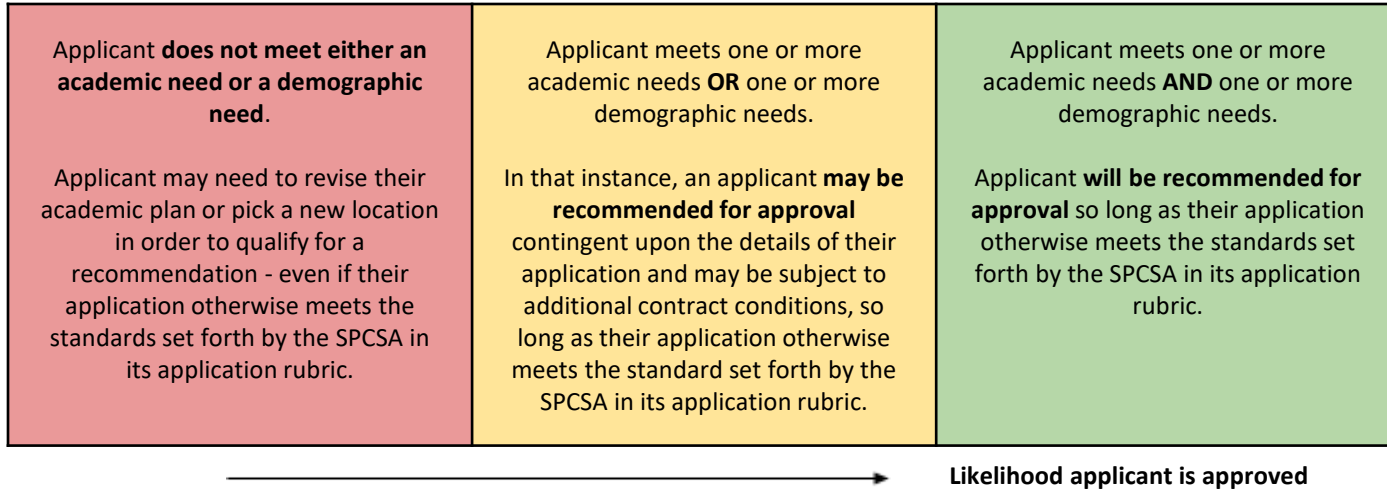
### Academic Need: Students at Risk of Dropping out of School

Applicants meeting this need will propose a school model that includes demonstrated capacity, credible plans, and thorough research and analysis in order to prevent at-risk students from dropping out of school.

**The initial Needs Assessment can be found at <http://charterschools.nv.gov/>**

*\*See the press release at the bottom of the page.*

# Implications of Needs Assessment for 2019 SPCSA Authorizing Process



The graphic above shows how the SPCSA will factor alignment with needs found in the Academic and Demographic Needs Assessment into its charter authorization process.

## Contents of the Growth Management Plan

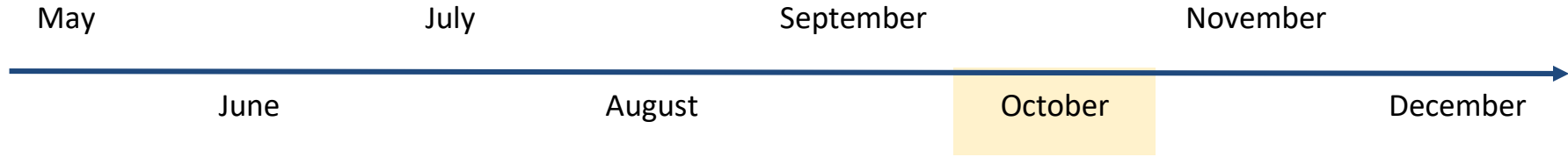
AB 462 Requirements	Questions the Growth Management Plan will Answer
<p>The SPCSA must establish a plan to manage the growth of charter schools. The plan must include new charter schools as well as additional campuses, grade level expansion or other increased enrollment, and any likely charter renewals that the Authority will approve.</p> <p>The plan must additionally consider statewide pupil performance, including data for specific groups and subgroups, and the academic needs of students in geographic areas of the state.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Context and Background:</b> What is the history of the SPCSA and why is the SPCSA writing a Growth Plan?</li> <li>● <b>Current State of Education:</b> What is the current state of education in Nevada?</li> <li>● <b>Future State of SPCSA Schools:</b> How should the number of schools, locations of schools, number of students served and demographics of students served evolve over the next five years?</li> <li>● <b>Future State of SPCSA Organization:</b> How will the SPCSA evolve to meet the needs of the changing portfolio over the next five years?</li> </ul>



# Growth Plan Timeline

We have begun development of the Growth Management Plan following the approval of the Academic & Demographic Needs Assessment. As required by AB 462, we must complete the Growth Management Plan by the end of this calendar year.

**Develop Growth Management Plan**



**Finalize Needs Assessment**

We have finalized the Academic & Demographic Needs Assessment and have shared our methodology, findings, and the implications for SPCSA authorizing practices moving forward.

**Update Needs Assessment with feedback & new NDE data**

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**What additional information do you think is critical for our board to consider?**