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Consent Agenda Item Title: Private School Consent Items

Office Submitting Agenda Item: Office of Student and School Supports

Summary of the Document:

The Consent Item consists of three school license renewal requests and one request for expansion of grade level.

Purpose/Impact of the Document:

Private education institutions are covered by Chapter 394 in both the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Nevada Administrative Code. The Private Schools Education Program Professional verifies that the statutory and regulatory requirements are met. The Nevada State Board of Education approves the issuing of a private school license. The impact is to continue to allow successful private schools to address the needs of Nevada students and families.

Stakeholder Engagement to Inform Item:

There is no external feedback beyond the schools themselves providing the information and NDE staff confirming it.

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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CONSENT AGENDA ITEM
April 21, 2022

SUBJECT: Private School Renewal License

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the renewal licensing for a two-year period of:

- Challenger School, Silverado Campus, Clark County
- Merryhill School, Durango, Clark County
- Nasri Academy for Gifted Children, Clark County

BACKGROUND:

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SUBMITTED BY:

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Private School Analysis

School Name: Challenger School Silverado Campus, Clark County

Background: Challenger School's Mission is to prepare children to become self-reliant, productive individuals; to teach them to think, speak, and write with clarity, precision, and independence; to lead them to recognize and value their individuality and unalienable rights; and to inspire them to embrace challenge and find joy and self-worth through achievement.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the provisional licensing of Challenger School, Silverado Campus for a license for two years from January 1, 2022, through January 1, 2024. Challenger School Silverado Campus has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 51725 East Serene Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89123

Ownership: Sarah Shurko

Insurance: Diversified Insurance Group liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

Enrollment: Up to 515 students, Grades K-8

Educational Staff: 24

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Merryhill School Durango Campus, Clark County

Background: Merryhill's mission is to provide an educational environment that fosters academic excellence, instills a love of active learning, and provides experiences that enable students to acquire a foundation of skills for lifelong learning. Since 1997, Merryhill has provided a high-quality private school education for children in Kindergarten through fifth grade. They pride themselves on warm and enthusiastic teachers, rigorous standards-based curriculum, and understanding of the needs of each child. They provide opportunities for students to master skills, problem solve, make positive decisions, and practice higher level thinking. Teachers personalize lessons to ensure that instruction is stimulating and challenging for each student. Merryhill believes that beyond the core subjects, classes in art, music, technology, Spanish and physical education are essential to educating the whole child.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the provisional licensing of Merryhill School Durango Campus for a license for two years from January 1, 2022, through January 1, 2024. Challenger School Silverado Campus has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 5055 South Durango Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113

Ownership: Spring Education Group, Principal Maria Zeccheo

Insurance: ProAssurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

Enrollment: Up to 133 students, Grades K-5

Educational Staff: 13

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Nasri Academy for Gifted Children, Clark County

Background: Nasri Academy's faculty and staff are highly trained in the cognitive, affective, academic, and social needs of gifted children. They instill the love of discovery and innovation in students, helping them to develop their curiosity, self-esteem, and resiliency. Gifted children have specialized social, emotional, and academic needs. Their program is designed to focus on all three of these areas. Children need a peer group with whom they are able to share the love of discovery and develop healthy self-esteem, and their staff is knowledgeable in working with the specialized needs of gifted children who often require support in this area. Their instructors are able to connect with and provide the motivation to expand the learning desire in gifted children.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the provisional licensing of Nasri Academy for Gifted Children for a license for two years from March 1, 2022, through March 1, 2024. Nasri Academy for Gifted Children has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 5055 South Durango Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113

Ownership: Gifted & Talented Educational School, Principal Jocelyn Balaban

Insurance: The Hartford liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

Enrollment: 44 students, Grades K-8

Educational Staff: 5

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

SUBJECT: Private School Operational Change

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the addition of grade level for the remaining period of the current license May 31, 2021 through May 31, 2023:

- Brilliant Child Christian Academy, Clark County, will now operate as a K - 7th grade school

BACKGROUND:

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Private School Analysis

School Name: Brilliant Child Christian Academy, Clark County

Background: Brilliant Child Christian Academy believes that all children are God's wonderful gift to humankind. They aim to teach these children about God and his teachings. They have developed activities and programs that would help the kids engage in Bible stories and teach them Christian values and Biblical truths. They aim to develop caring, knowledgeable, articulate, and principled global citizens who are guided by God's love and Biblical scriptures.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the addition of grade 7 to Brilliant Child Christian Academy for the remaining term of its license, May 31, 2021, through May 31, 2023. Brilliant Child Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 7885 West Rochelle, Las Vegas, Nevada 89147

Ownership: Christyn Dolotina

Insurance: State Farm liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

Enrollment: 93, Grades K – 7 (proposed to begin August 2022)

Educational Staff: 7

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.