Charter Authority: Statutory Base

- Transfer SBE/NDE Authority and Schools (2011 session)
- Purpose (NRS 386.509)
  - Authorize high-quality charter schools;
  - Provide oversight, ensure schools maintain high standards, preserve autonomy, and protect public interests; and
  - Serve as a model of best practices.
- October 2011 office established, January 2012 Seven Member Board Seated
- Deemed a Local Education Agency 2013 (NRS 386.5135)
- Automatic Closure passed 2013, effective Fall 2016 (NRS 386.5351)
FY ‘05 to ’14: Active Charter Schools

- Washoe County Sponsored
- Douglas County Sponsored
- Clark County Sponsored
- Churchill County Sponsored
- Carson City Sponsored
- SPCSA Sponsored
SPCSA Portfolio is Nevada’s Third Largest School System
Eight 2014-15 charter applications are currently under review
Student Achievement: Progress

- Significant Academic Improvement
- Schools Chartered After 2010 Generally Outperform Older Schools
- Dramatic Growth in Quality Seats

Change in Star Status
All SPCSA Schools (2011-2014)

- 2011-12:
  - 3-5 Star: 62%
  - 2 Star: 24%
  - 1 Star: 14%
- 2012-13:
  - 3-5 Star: 67%
  - 2 Star: 27%
  - 1 Star: 7%
- 2013-14:
  - 3-5 Star: 76%
  - 2 Star: 21%
  - 1 Star: 3%
Student Population: Challenge

- Vast Majority of Portfolio & Growth is in Clark County Suburbs
  - Low Income Population 25 Points Less Than State & 29 Less Than Clark
  - Black & Hispanic Population 24 Points Less Than State & 31 Less Than Clark

- Charters Are Not Serving the Populations Most in Need of Quality School Options

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Opportunity: Increase Equity & Outcomes

- Overcrowding and Underperformance Are Both Challenges: We Are Addressing Overcrowding But We Are Falling Short on Equity
- Incentivize Best in Class Charter Management Organizations Serving Low Income and High Need Students to Come to Nevada
  - View Recruitment of Top Flight Operators as a Long-Term Economic Development Engine
  - Remove Barriers to Entry and Make Adjustments to Education Ecosystem That Support Excellence
  - Demonstrate the Demographics Are Not Destiny: Proof Points
  - Grow Our Best Local Operators
- Continue Organic Growth of Suburban and Rural Movement While Making Strategic Investments in Urban Core
- Fast-Track Closure of Long-Term Underperformers and Allow Best-in-Class CMOs to Take Over Low-Performers in High Need Areas ➔ Increase Likelihood of Federal Dollars
Questions?