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Via Electronic Mail

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Justin Vance
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RE: Exemption Regarding COVID-19 In-Person Learning Guidance

Dear Chair Vance,

As you are aware, on November 6, 2020, the SPCSA Board approved updated COVID-19 In-Person Learning Guidance that requires that, except with written approval of an exemption from the Executive Director, all charter schools sponsored by the SPCSA located in counties subject to Mitigation Level's 1 or 2 under the Governor's Directive 030 and the Road to Recovery: Moving to a New Normal, shall operate under a hybrid or distance education model, with the option to provide in-person instruction up to 40% of the school's enrollment. Currently, Washoe County is subject to heightened mitigation.

Through conversations with Principal Novotny, the school has identified several mitigating factors that I have taken into consideration:

1. The school's governing body and leadership are aiming to provide comparable instructional opportunities to Alpine Academy students and families as are being made available by the Washoe County School District.
2. Several Alpine Academy families have already opted for distance education.
3. The Alpine Academy team has confirmed that the school can transition to a full distance learning model overnight if need be.

In light of these mitigating factors, and with reservations, I am approving the following exemption:

- Beginning on January 4, 2021, Alpine Academy may provide a hybrid model of instruction for all students in grades 9-12 who opt in. Approximately, one half of students will attend Monday and Tuesday, while the other half attend on Thursday and Friday, with an extra deep clean of the building on Wednesday. ***The school is to limit in-***

person instruction on any given day such that the school does not exceed 45% of the overall enrollment.

This exemption is contingent on the following requirements:

- Alpine Academy shall maintain compliance with all prevailing directives and guidance, including but not limited to Emergency Directives 022 and 028.

In the event that Washoe County School District experiences significant disruption to the day-to-day operations of their schools and is unable to maintain consistent in-person and/or hybrid instruction, Alpine Academy will transition to a distance learning model in accordance with the SPCSA COVID-19 In-Person Learning Guidance.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Feiden
Executive Director
State Public Charter School Authority

cc: Tawni Novotny, Principal, Alpine Academy