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**From:** Morabito, Joe  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2022 9:07 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Quality Education & Security Task Forces

Still waiting to see formation of a Quality Education Task Force and now a Security Task Force on a Board Meeting agenda. Guess it won't happen until hell freezes over, or until we have Board members that care about academic achievement and safety in our schools. Instead, you focus on paying for Soap Dispensers, which I suppose is necessary; but hardly as critical as raising dismal reading and math test scores or making sure we never have a mass shooting at a Washoe School. We can't count on the new Superintendent getting the job done either because she was a miserable failure in her current job. History is the best indicator of future performance. JM

**Joseph Morabito**

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**From:** John Tuscher  
**Sent:** Friday, June 24, 2022 10:13 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral Academy proposed new campus in West Reno.

To whom it may concern,

I fully support the addition of a Coral Academy campus in West Reno. I will unfortunately be unable to attend the meeting due to work but want my voice to be heard.

As the City of Reno grows, naturally the supporting infrastructure and support for the public must be fortified and capacity increased to keep pace. The addition of a new high quality, focused curriculum school will help us achieve just that. We must plan for the future to create thoughtful children to become thoughtful adults. Coral academy achieves just that and should be allowed to create the proposed school.

Thank you,  
John Tuscher

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**From:** Melanie Martin  
**Sent:** Friday, June 24, 2022 11:10 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda item 5.01

Hello,

We would like to share our immense support for adding Coral Academy to our community. Elevating education and education options for families in Nevada is critical. With the changes we are seeing facing our nation, economically and socially, providing positive environments for young children to explore and discover around science, technology, engineering and math is critical. We need to build a community that supports this regardless of income, race, gender, or background. Opening coral academy in this location supports this vision for our community.

As a woman and mother, not having access to this type of education as a young child impacted my view of myself, the career path and options I had, and altered the expectations of what was possible. This program is not just an opportunity for this area of Reno but essential to our growing state and community.

Our family whole heartedly supports this addition and repurposing a building that has been sitting vacant for some time.

The Tuschers

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**From:** Sarah Green  
**Sent:** Friday, June 24, 2022 1:39 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Regarding Agenda Item 5.01

To whom it may concern,

My daughter who is 8 attends Coral Academy of Science. She is doing great here and it's a comforting alternative to the current public school system. Our family would sincerely appreciate the full support of the WCSD in building a wonderful and safe place for children to learn and grow.

Cheers,  
Sarah Green

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**From:** Pavel Solin  
**Sent:** Friday, June 24, 2022 1:56 PM  
**To:** Coral Academy of Science, Reno via ParentSquare  
**Cc:** Tandogan, Feyzi; Public Comments; Church, Jeffrey; Minetto, Ellen; Rodriguez, Joseph M; Smith, Elizabeth A; Taylor, Angela; Nicolet, Diane M; Mayberry, Adam  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Support Needed-URGENT

Dear Mr.. Tandogan:

I am outraged by your request. The quality of education at your middle and high schools dropped significantly in recent years. Both the computing and math education you provide are extremely poor. Regarding the former, paying a large sum of money for PLTW, and taking a 100% hands-off approach, simply does not work.

I was shocked to learn that the Spanish teacher at your middle school did not know any Spanish.

I believe that you should fix your existing issues before attempting to expand. Our daughter was frustrated to the extent that she was crying at home and asking us why your school was wasting her time like that. We had to take her out of your school, and I feel so relieved that she is no longer there.

I was trying to communicate with you and your board, but there was no response. That's not how any school should operate.

Feel free to share my email with your board, as I very firmly stand behind it. You should not damage the futures of Nevada children.

Pavel Solin

On Fri, Jun 24, 2022, 21:55 Coral Academy of Science, Reno via ParentSquare <[donotreply@parentsquare.com](mailto:donotreply@parentsquare.com)> wrote:

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**Coral Academy of Science, Reno**

Dear Coral Academy of Science Community,

I am sorry to disturb you during the summer, but **I urgently need your help.**

As some of you know, the school has worked very hard recently to build an elementary school campus in northwestern Reno, at 1595 Sky Mountain Dr., Reno, NV 89503, opening for the 2023-24 school year. We are passionate about growing our community. Many of you are receiving this because you expressed interest in that campus.

Among other things, we have signed a contract with the seller, invested \$150,000, obtained several County and State approvals, arranged a multi-million-dollar bond issuance, etc. The last approval we need is from the Washoe County School District. Unfortunately, for reasons we don't fully understand, the WCSD charter expansion committee is not supporting us—despite ***Coral Academy's extraordinary, 22-year record of academic and financial success.***

I am asking for your help in three easy ways. Please:

1. Take two minutes to sign our **online petition** in support  
at: <https://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/540/716/625/>.

2. Attend the **public meeting** of the Washoe County School District Board regarding this project. Let your voice

be heard! We encourage you to sign up to speak during the "Public Comment" period.

The meeting is at **2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2022** at:

**Central Administration Building**

**Board Room**

**425 East Ninth Street Reno, Nevada**

If you cannot attend in person, please email your respectful **public comment** regarding Agenda Item 5.01 to the Washoe County School District Board at:

[publiccomments@washoeschools.net](mailto:publiccomments@washoeschools.net)

or to the individual Board members directly at:

- District A: Trustee Jeffrey Church, [Jeffrey.Church@washoeschools.net](mailto:Jeffrey.Church@washoeschools.net)
- District B: Trustee Ellen Minetto, [eminetto@washoeschools.net](mailto:eminetto@washoeschools.net)
- District C: Joseph Rodriguez, [Joseph.Rodriguez@washoeschools.net](mailto:Joseph.Rodriguez@washoeschools.net)
- District D: Elizabeth Smith, [Elizabeth.Smith@washoeschools.net](mailto:Elizabeth.Smith@washoeschools.net)
- District E: Trustee Angela Taylor, [ataylor@washoeschools.net](mailto:ataylor@washoeschools.net)
- At-Large District G: Trustee Diane Nicolet, [DNicolet@washoeschools.net](mailto:DNicolet@washoeschools.net)
- At-Large District F: Adam Mayberry, [adam.mayberry@washoeschools.net](mailto:adam.mayberry@washoeschools.net)

3. Contact anyone who may help. Anybody can express their support, not just current students, parents, teachers, and staff.

Thank you in advance for your efforts!

We are a family and I appreciate you very much.

Sincerely,

Feyzi Tandogan

Executive Director

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**From:** Darrell Craig  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 25, 2022 2:22 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral Academy of Science, Reno

Please to everything in your power to promote the success of Coral Academy of Science. Their elementary school is badly needed in Reno and will make great strides in improving the quality of education for our areas youth. Don't be jealous of their success in improving the lives and futures of so many Washoe County youth, but support their valuable contributions to the Reno area. thank you, Darrell  
Craig

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**From:** Jeffrey Bodimer  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 26, 2022 1:10 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral Academy New Location

Please do not allow them to open a new location. I am a parent at the new location by meadow wood mall. They have simply no clue how to open a school, staff it with appropriate people, or operate it daily.

They need to figure out their current stuff below being allowed to open up new stuff. Sorry about the money they spent, but they should of had better negotiators.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** marne sherman  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 10:01 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I support the denial of CAS elementary school

Hello, my child was a student at Coral Academy of Science High School in Reno, NV this past year.

-I think that the proposed elementary school expansion is not a good idea and I support WCSD's denial.

-They currently do not have full staffing and resources at their open schools, they need to invest in SEL programs and inclusivity programs.

-They need to fill positions for Vice Principal, Counselor, Speech Therapy and cleaning positions to meet post covid requirements.

-They are also not meeting students educational needs based on their learning levels, for example not enough higher level science & math teachers are available. Higher level science classes are online without teachers available for students. Students are teaching themselves.

- Most of their current resources have multiple positions at several schools, which does not meet the needs of their current student population.

Sincerely,  
Scot and Marne Sherman

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Randi Hucks  
**Sent:** Friday, June 24, 2022 9:29 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed Coral Academy of Science

Hello,

I think that this elementary school would be a great benefit and welcomed addition to the neighborhood. I am really looking forward to having an elementary school nearby that is safe for our neighborhood children to attend. I believe Coral Academy of Science will help bring better education to Nevada's students, and better education is something Nevada desperately needs.

To deny this elementary school, would be a huge disappointment to our neighborhood and our community.

I am asking you to please consider the benefits that this will bring to our community and our children of Reno.

Thank you,

Randi Hucks

Reno, NV 89523

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**From:** Alexa Olsen  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 12:27 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please allow Coral Academy Elementary to be added to NW Reno

Hello,

I love the fact that I have a choice for my children's education. I am from a small town that only had 1 Elementary, 1 Middle, and 1 High School. The quality of my education was limited and it made it difficult when it was time to apply to colleges.

We currently live in NW Reno (2.5 miles from Summit Ridge Drive location) and the school we are zoned for gets some of the lowest ratings for WCSD. There is no way I would send my children there and I cannot pay for a private school. We drive 20 minutes every morning and 20 minutes every afternoon to take our children to Coral South Elementary. I would love to save the money on gas, since apparently we will continue to pay high prices for living in Washoe County, even if there is a federal tax break, and the commute all the way across town in horrendous traffic.

As evidenced by the expansion at the South Reno Coral Elementary School, other parents feel the same way we do about WCSD schools and school choice. Coral South has said they are increasing their enrollment for next year and it was already packed to 22 students per class.

Why wouldn't you want to prevent school overcrowding, make some of the citizen's lives a little easier by lessening the commute and traffic on the roads, and allow students to take college, preparatory classes, rather than add to overcrowded, underfunded, understaffed schools? Coral has the location and funding secured. I don't see the problem. Plus, for us in NW Reno, we aren't getting any new schools built by Washoe County, this is all we are going to get.

Please contact me for further comments or questions.

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Regards,

Alexa J Olsen

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**From:** Cash Morris  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 12:29 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral academy of science

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Coral academy of science (CAS) was recently denied to open their new elementary school by the WCSD board.

My wife and I are products of WCSD, and we have between us three children who graduated WCSD public schools, one who attends CAS highschool and another who graduated from another charter school.

CAS has throughout our experience promoted learning, leadership, diversity, collaboration in addition to their standard STEM curriculum.

Out of all of my family, my son who has attended CAS since grade 6 is the only one who wants to pursue learning after highschool, the only one who will graduate highschool with enough college credits for an associates degree in computer science. The only one who pursued extra curricular activities. The only one who has established scholarship offers before their senior year. He is, in my opinion, the very best of us.

While many of these accomplishments are his own, he's in the middle of the pack compared to his peers at school. I really think that speaks volumes to the caliber of education CAS is providing our community.

My only regret with CAS was that we could not start him sooner because they did not have an opening for him for several years.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**From:** Omar Gutierrez  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 12:29 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Better education same education as private schools please allow them to continue with their plan

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Elena Thormahlen  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 12:32 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral Academy

The Coral Academy project should be allowed. We need another option in West Reno and don't have easy physical access to other options in Verdi where myself and my children live. All children in the county should have options.

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**From:** christine Perot  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 12:35 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Supporting the CASR Sky Mountain Project

To whom it may concern,

As a long-standing citizen of the Reno I'm 100% in support of the CASR Sky Mountain Project and feel this should be considered high priority and passed by the deciding board members.

Sincerely,  
Christine Perot

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**From:** tonya laney  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 12:40 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral Academy Charter Schools Support

Good Afternoon-

I am writing in support of Coral Academy being approved for their new Northwest Reno campus.

Parents deserve a choice in where to send their children to obtain the best education possible, that also meets their needs. We chose Coral Academy because our Son's zoned classroom is overcrowded and understaffed, with zero ability for before and afterschool care, because the school is overcrowded. We were on the waitlist the entire school year.

Coral Academy offers before and after school care to ALL enrolled students, with homework assistance, which is extremely helpful in a household that requires both parents to work to make ends meet, and still need to assist with educational needs at home in addition to what is offered at school.

Our Son also has a learning disability due to a seizure disorder that caused frontal lobe damage in his brain between 10 months and 4 years of age. Coral Academy is able to offer smaller class sizes and more specific educational needs that can not be met in our zoned school.

Please support Coral Academy's efforts to be a CHOICE for families like ours, and in turn free up capacity in our grossly overpopulated school system.

In Support of Coral Academy,

Tonya, Marvin and Javeson Laney

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**From:** Lisa Aland  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 12:44 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral Academy

For public comment:

I have had my 4 children in the WCSD since 2007, attending Sarah Winnemucca, Billingshurst and McQueen. Over time, I found that the educational focus within the schools we were zoned for had shifted and my children were falling through the cracks. They were active learners and didn't need special attention, but missed joining GT by small margins.

We made the decision to move them to Coral Academy in the Fall of 2020, and it has been the best decision for our family. My kids are getting the education they deserve. As a business owner and tax payer in the community, I feel our families deserve options for education. Coral Academy is one of the many options available in Washoe County and it is becoming a more popular one.

I urge the trustees to listen to the parents in our community — I voted for you and put you in the position you now hold. I ask that you approve the planning for another CAS school site to give other families the option that I have enjoyed.

Sincerely,

Lisa Aland

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Lisa Aland

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**From:** Amber Spencer  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 12:52 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral Academy

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to express my feelings about opening up a new Coral location. I truly believe this would be a wonderful addition to the Reno community. We have had a child at Coral Academy for almost 8 years now and would be thrilled for our little one to be able to attend the new school which will be closer to our house and such a wonderful addition to the neighborhood. PLEASE reconsider your thoughts on opening up this new branch. The Coral families would be so appreciative to have another school added to our community.

Amber Spencer

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Maite Smith  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 1:28 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral Academy NorthWest

Dear Sirs/Madams,

I understand the Expansion Committee has recommended a denial for the building of a new Coral Academy of Science Elementary School in NorthWest Reno.

As a parent/grandparent of school age children I believe my children are entitled to a quality education, unfortunately, the State of Nevada ranks 40th in education according to US News and World Report, 44th in the nation according to EducationWeek.org, received a D- in the states performance for 2021 (the average state receives a C-). In the question "Has State Achievement Improved Over Time?" Nevada received a C and ranks 5th, (the average is D+), however, that is nothing to write home about.

Also accordingly, Coral Academy has a proven record of providing a quality, challenging, STEAM based education. Coral Academy of Science High School, where elementary children will eventually attend, ranks #3 for Nevada schools, also according to US News and World Report, (which publishes an issue each year ranking schools in the nation), Coral ranks nationally (out of 17,843 schools) #191 and 3rd in the state for college readiness, 219th and 2nd in NV for college curriculum breadth index, 1,214th for State Assessment Proficiency (aggregate scores on math, reading and often times science state assessments that students may need to pass for graduation), 7th in Reno, 1,686th nationally and 13th in Reno for State Assessment Performance Rank (how aggregate scores on state assessments compare with US News expectations), 3,057th and 1st in Nevada for Graduation Rate (number of entering 9th graders who graduate four academic years later). Coral High School has a 100% Advanced Placement (AP) participation. Reno public, non charter schools can't even come close, not even the considered best HS in Reno e.g. Reno High, Galena, McQueen.

My question is this, how are you able to discount the education provided by Coral and the opportunities afforded to those children? If Washoe County Schools could rise to the level of education Coral provides, parents wouldn't have the need to place their children in charter schools.

Best regards,

Maite Smith

Concerned Parent/grandparent

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Joanna Ferris  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 1:33 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral Academy Expansion

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are parents at Coral Academy of Science. All three of our children attend the CAS campuses (elementary, middle school, and high school) in Reno NV. My children have attended public school in the WCSD since 2010 and transferred in 2015 to CAS. I have one child with a IEP and have received extraordinary services offered by CAS. My child has flourished academically and socially. This charter school is unlike any other public or charter school. They operate as a close knit family of educators. I have never felt such support from faculty in any other setting. My oldest will be going into his senior year and has had so much opportunities shown to him this past year. They are preparing him for his college years and for that I am forever grateful. My youngest had a amazing first year of school (kindergarten ). The staff went above and beyond for him. I have first hand knowledge of what CAS has done for my children. I believe every student should have the opportunity to experience everything my family has with CAS, if given the chance. As a parent of three CAS students and three different CAS campuses, we fully support an expansion of the elementary campus. I believe this school would alleviate overcrowding in public schools and also give other parents a choice in what type of school fits their childrens needs. On behalf of the Smith family we thank you for your time.

Regards

Joanna Ferris-Smith  
Ian Smith

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**From:** Alexander Cuddy  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 1:50 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] NW Reno CAS

My wife and I have been looking forward to the NW Reno CAS since we found out about it. The focus of education and the smaller class size is a huge benefit to the children that attend. Our child is far beyond other children of her age group and having a CAS on NW Reno would be a huge asset to the community. Please reconsider their application.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** nicholasconforti  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 2:24 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral Academy NW

Please approve this school. I have two children I'd like to send there and live in Verdi.

Nicholas Conforti

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Children's Advocacy Project  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 2:43 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 2.24 Consent agenda

It doesn't appear this was properly posted for public comment. I could be wrong I am just not finding it listed under the board policies for comment. I think I submitted this. I just want to be sure.

Blue: explanation

Red: proposed change

Black: posted policy

There is currently a disconnect in the district wherein staff write an “eligibility statement” into the section of the IEP that is labeled “Results of most recent evaluation.”

We do not base services on eligibility categories (discriminatory), we base them on evaluation results. As you’ll see below, evaluation is not just about saying a child “needs special education” We might clarify this part of this policy by changing the language (in red):

1. “Individualized Education Program (IEP)” refers to the written document required for each child who is eligible to receive special education services. It is provided to a student who has been determined [through comprehensive evaluation] ~~first~~ to have a disability and, ~~second~~, to need specially designed instruction because of that disability.

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LEA has two meanings under IDEA. Perhaps this would clarify:

3. “Local Educational Agency (LEA)” is a public board of education or other public authority legally constituted within a state for either administrative control or direction of or to perform a service function for public schools. The [IEP meeting] LEA[representative] is acting on behalf of the school

board of education when making decisions, [and must have the authority to] committing resources, ~~and~~ [to the] implement[ation of] the IEP

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Stereotyping occurs when assumptions are made about groups of people. First, in Section 504, then in IDEA, Congress addressed stereotyping. It said: you will evaluate to determine the unique educational needs of this student.

The Nevada Administrative Code was finally updated in 2019 to reflect the full scope of IDEA evaluation requirements.

Under Nevada code and federal regulations, evaluation and re-evaluation must do so much more than just say “special education is needed.”

Evaluation must identify:

- the educational needs of the child;
- the content of the child's IEP;
- information related to enabling the child to be involved in and progress in the general education curriculum (or for a preschool child, to participate in appropriate activities);
- all the student’s special education and related service needs;
- whether additions or modifications to the special education and related services are needed; and
- relevant information that directly assists persons (the IEP team) in determining the educational needs of the child are provided.

Classroom based assessments are typically conducted between evaluations to look at academic progress, but evaluation is crucial to the development of the plan.

So maybe add:

a.b. The IEP shall be developed using Nevada Academic Content Standards (NVACS) ~~standards-based instruction~~, evidence- based practices, ~~use of~~ [the **most recent evaluation results for the student, recent**] assessment data, and communication with families.

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Because evaluation is not just to grant a nebulous undefined entry to the kingdom of special education, the LEA does not determine the educational needs of the student.

So perhaps change to this:

e. The provision of professional learning for ~~Supports for~~, school administrators who serve as the LEA to lead the IEP team [in committing resources to the development of the IEP.]and help to identify the individual needs of students.

Other than these changes, it looks good.

Honestly,

Deidre Hammon  
Senior Advocate  
CSD Children's Advocacy Project

Reno NV 89502

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**From:** Gary Steininger  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 3:54 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CAS Elementary Campus.

Many people whom I speak with in our neighborhood are finding it hard to follow the reasoning of the WCSD Expansion Committee to deny the CAS addition of an elementary location in the NW of Reno. It seems that politics has entered the discussion and this has been the overriding factor in the opposition. In the era of people wanting more choices, and convenience for their children, does this School Board want to be seen as denying parents wishes in favor of politics. These kinds of seemingly politically guided decisions do not tend to be working out well for School Boards who sit in opposition of their constituents; again based on outside influence and of denying the benefits for children.

Thank you for your time,

Gary Steininger  
VERY concerned parent.

Gary Steininger  
Sent from iPhone, please forgive any typos.

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 12:26 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Doy mi apoyo I give my support

Es una escuela muy segura para nuestros hijos y me encanta la forma de la educación académica. Enviado desde mi iPhone

It is a very safe school for our children and I love the form of academic education.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Tony Hill  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 4:54 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral Academy Opening in NW Reno

[You don't often get email from hill.anthony@live.com. Learn why this is important at <https://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification> ]

Hello,

I am a parent of a Coral Academy student and a lifelong Reno resident. I believe strongly that the board needs to allow the new elementary school campus to open up.

Coral Academy brings a wonderful education that isn't related to what financial situation their parents are in, and with an emphasis on STEM skills it helps set the children of our community up for a better future.

I strongly hope the board chooses to allow this campus; this is a boon to our community and will also help public schools with class sizes bringing a benefit to everyone.

Regards,  
Anthony Hill

Reno, NV 89523

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Darci Quayle  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 5:07 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Cc:** cquayle@coralacademy.org  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Comment for 6/28/22 Board Meeting

Dear WCSD Board Members,

I would like to recommend expanding a new Coral Academy of Science Elementary School in Northwest Reno. My name is Darci Quayle. I moved to Reno in 2011 when I was nine years old. Upon moving here my sisters and I were quickly enrolled in Coral Academy of Science Elementary School before my mother became a 5th grade teacher there. I attended Coral Academy until the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade and have since returned to work as support staff at the elementary school on Valley Road.

Prior to attending Coral Academy, I was labeled as an advanced or gifted student. My MAP tests then confirmed this and at Coral Academy I was integrated into a higher-level learning environment. Coral Academy strived to provide a safe and diverse learning environment for me while also integrating me into a community that is dedicated to college and career preparatory. My peers in the classroom engaged with me in a higher level of thinking that was not expected for students at my age. Because of Coral Academy I was never restricted in my education.

I have always been so thankful for the quality of education that I received at Coral Academy. My teachers were always invested in my success. They set me up with tactics that have helped me succeed socially and educationally to this day. The amazing teachers continuously inspired me. I knew the quadratic formula like the back of my hand by the time I was 12 and had mastered MLA format at the age of 13! But my education wasn't just restricted to my classroom. Coral promoted and I participated in academic contests like the Math Counts where I was able to demonstrate my mathematical abilities. I was introduced to the violin and found a lifelong passion in music. I joined a girl scout troop associated with Coral Academy and met girls that would become friends of mine to this day. I joined the drama class one year and got to perform at the school's renaissance fair as a princess. I was in the National Elementary Honors Society where we got to work on projects to help improve the school and the community around us. I fell in love with school through Coral Academy of Science. Now I am studying education to become an amazing teacher like them.

Because of my experience at CAS, I hope that you approve the new elementary school so that other students in Reno can have the same experiences that I had!

Sincerely,

Darci Quayle

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**From:** Sonia  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 7:12 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral Academy

Our experience with Coral Academy has been a positive one. The school is a better fit for my child and he is doing very well in school. The environment of the last school was not a good fit for him as he would often cry when I dropped him off. We need different varieties of schools and more options for children so they too can thrive and be excited about their education.

Thank you,  
Sonia

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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**From:** Shiho Schmidt  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 12:54 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral Academy of Science expansion

Hello,

I like take an opportunity to write a message regarding Coral Academy of science expansion proceeding in North West area of Reno for the elementary school.

My child has been attending to Coral Academy since 6 years ago.

I am the real weakness of a parent who sends to children's to Washoe county School district the reason I have applied my children to Coral Academy was the based on the zoning district that school operation, which they had repetitiously provided the same homework and sometime from the lower grade homework to the student. My child was grown in the boredom in the class and I was concerned he was not learning anything everyday.

Since my children goes to Coral Academy they have a grown each time as a school provide the challenges for good girls for the children's Academy skills as well as teachers attention is headed to talk not only academics their children's mental growth is part of their category to be placed in top of priority. This trend of program focus on growth of the children are seeing each school at elementary middle school and high school.

I believe that Coral Academy is definitely positively and evidently necessary for Washoe county for our children. I do not have detailed information regarding deject against Coral Academy expansion program by that charter school committee. But I would like to request to allow Coral Academy of science to expand the new location for the community to be able to access this high-quality education.

Thank you,

Shiho Schmidt

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**From:** Virginia (Vicki) Ibarra  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 9:55 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral Academy of Science (Sky West)

I am in support of this school. My son attended 1st grade at CAS South Campus this past year and loved it. He talks about the future and says he wants to attend CAS all the way through high school. I believe he was challenged this year & MAP test scores showed growth throughout the year. The administration is outstanding & you can tell the dedication the staff has to the students and their education. Thank you CAS!

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**From:** Luz Rodríguez  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2022 9:45 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Queremos una escuela más de coral academia We want one more school of choral academy

Para mi es muy importante la educación de mis hijos Me gustaría que otros chicos pudieran tener esa posibilidad de ir a una gran escuela El aprendizaje es muy importante en estos tiempos y que una persona tenga buenos simientes eso hará que los chicos sean buenos adultos en el mañana Por favor déjenos tener mas escuelas de coral en nuestro estado

Luz Rodriguez

Enviado desde mi iPhone

For me, the education of my children is very important  
I wish other kids could have that chance to go to a great school.  
Learning is very important in these times and that a person has good seeds that will make children good adults in the future.  
Please let us have more choral schools in our state

Luz Rodriguez

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 2:19 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral Academy of Science

Good afternoon.

It has come to my attention that there is a possibility that Coral Academy of Science will be denied their application to create another elementary school. I think this decision goes against the interests of the people of Washoe County. Coral Academy produces high achieving students that graduate, attend college, and go on to get good paying jobs. Individuals with good paying jobs are able to pay taxes and contribute to society in a positive way. Individuals with lower paying jobs or those that do not graduate at all, either pay fewer taxes or actually need government assistance. Promoting a strong educational system is key to strengthening our economy overall and keeping Washoe County an economically vibrant place to live.

I encourage you to approve the application that Coral has submitted to open another elementary school. It is in all of our best interests.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Genevieve Dierenga

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**From:** Jess Chacon Miles  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 3:27 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] New CAS school

Our community needs more options for motivated children and parents who are also motivated to help their children excel. As we have more and more influx into our growing community greater disparities in the classroom continue to grow. It is understandable that all children learn at different paces and that they come with different backgrounds. However, families that are capable of helping their kids excel should not be forced to make serious financial decisions to enroll their kids in the limited private school options or move to “more desirable” neighborhoods that get more funding for school programs. I moved my boys to CAS in the middle of the school year and both have been thriving ever since. They were not being challenged in the neighborhood school and the teachers were not able to teach to their fullest potential due to too many behavior problems and no parent accountability. Please reconsider your decision to deny another CAS school, we desperately need this in our community.

Thanks.

Jessica Miles

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Cesilia Lupercio  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 1:06 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral Academy of Science

Dear WSCD Board of Trustees,

I am part of the CAS family and wanted to give you guys a little bit of my experiences with CAS.

My kids like many others, started their school life in a public school where they have great teachers, but the classrooms had too many students for each teacher. I was recommended this school and we tried it knowing that we're going to miss out on a lot of social activities that the public schools had. Of course my kids struggled at the beginning. Change is always difficult, but boy do we love this school. My youngest daughter had always struggled academically in school. I don't know how they did it, but with the very first teacher she had in 4th grade she was so motivated to learn. She had a unique way of teaching. My oldest daughter was in the middle school and she's always been good in school academically, but it's like they are family there. Their program and their willingness to seek a way to bring sports into their program is priceless. Now my kids have a good academic program and are part of a sports team. Both of my kids will be in high school this coming year. My oldest daughter is part of the engineering program and is so motivated to continue into college. I can't thank this school enough for the impact they have caused in my kids career life.

If this school has the ability to open another school of any level, it's for a reason. They have your support. More and more families are being referred to this school. Our community is growing and we need this school and it's expansion at our reach.

Please consider any expansions for the future of our children.

Thank you, for your time

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**From:** Gloria Sharlein  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 4:43 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Comment for Agenda item 5.01 6/28/2022

Dear School District Board Members,

I am writing to you today to acknowledge my full support of funding to the Coral Academy of Science. My daughter, going into her senior year of high school, has gained knowledge and values that now she has a job, plays sports, and takes college prep courses like biomedical and Japanese. CAS has given her more opportunities for her future career than I could have expected. Washoe County needs more schools like CAS, not less. Please approve the funding needed to continue to have an excellent choice for education.

Thank you,

Gloria Sharlein

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**From:** Sylvia Proffitt  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 1:13 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CORAL academy of science

Hello I am writing to express the importance of approving the new Coral Academy of science school in North West Reno. Coral academy has been a great place for my child to learn and grow into a smart and responsible person. She is thriving at Coral academy. As Reno's population grows, I think it would be great for more children to have this special opportunity for a great education. It would give Coral academy families and the community more options for schools in that area, helping families avoid more driving time, allowing less traffic congestion at other schools, keeping classroom sizes smaller, etc. Thank you,  
Sylvia Proffitt

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**From:** Kelsey Nelson  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 1:44 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Cc:** Quayle, Colleen  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral academy letter of recommendation

Hello,

I would like to send my letter of recommendation for the new north west coral academy elementary school. There are many reasons why this school should be opened and I would like to show my support.

I have been with coral academy for only 1 year so far. My oldest son started at another school and in the middle of the school year we were rezoned to an elementary school that is less than desirable. We had very few options to put our son in a good school that he could thrive in. Coral academy seemed like it would not be possible since we applied so late in the year. Thankfully because a new school opened we had the opportunity to get a better education for our son.

This coming school year our second child will be starting in kindergarten. I am thrilled to have my kids go to a school that is highly rated and has great leadership.

I am the treasurer for the PTBC and have a unique insight to Coral Academy. It has opened my eyes to the struggles that charter schools have (like sports and field trips) but has also made it clear that the principles, teachers, and all the other amazing staff are truly dedicated to the students education. They are incredibly mindful and committed to finding solutions for any problems that might arise. The communication with parents is great and I feel like my kids are very taken care of.

I do not feel like I have the same caliber of school if I go to my zoned elementary school. If I have had this problem, then there are others that have this problem. The waitlists at the schools can be problematic and have only slightly increased the last couple of year because of the new elementary school at Neil rd. I believe this is the only reason I got into the school in the first place and I want to make sure other parents have the same opportunity to have an option for schools.

Please consider the fact that Coral has a large waitlist, and that they are a high caliber school if nothing else when considering opening a new Coral Academy School. From a parent stand point I can only see a positive outcome for a new Coral Academy School.

Thank you for your time,  
Kelsey Nelson  
Principle Systems Engineer  
PTBC treasurer.

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**From:** Judith Ferrer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:26 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CAS Ed opportunity for kids in summit ridge community

More than 16 years ago the WCSD made a decision to re-zone the kids living in this community based on demographics and income. Don't think that a lot of us forgot why WCSD sided with the Caughling wealthy constituents.

Approving CAS to have a charter school in this community will give the kids who live here an option for a better educational opportunity.

Let's do the right thing this time and correct the educational inequality in this community.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Bradley Golbov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:43 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Regarding Agenda Item 5.01

Greetings,

Please support the CASR Sky Mountain building initiative under discussion as Agenda Item 5.01. Coral Academy's track record, culture, and curriculum are exemplary. I was a product of advanced placement all through grade school and I can attest that they do it at a high standard.

Respectfully,

Brad A. Golbov

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**From:** kimberlee izquierdo  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2022 11:42 AM  
**To:** Tandogan, Feyzi; Public Comments  
**Cc:** mmaltezo@coralacademy.org  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral academy elementary!

I'm here to support coral academy in opening a new elementary school , coral has been a peace of my life if it was for them I wouldn't have graduated, I wouldn't have been the person I am today I truly thank everyone at coral academy of science middle school they helped me get my high school diploma they also taught me what I needed to be taught . I have never experienced a public school until high school I can say that experience that I had there wasn't as personal & caring as I had at a charter school and that charter school is coral academy of science but I can say that my experience at coral academy was an experience I can remember and thank so much . I have a one year old her name is maia and I graduated when she was a month old every time I look at my diploma I always have this phrase "If it wasn't from thoses people that cared so much about me I wouldn't have what I have now. Another thing I would like to bring up was when going to a public school I got lost so much that is something that was different then what it was at coral academy the place might be small but you knew exactly where you were going and knew that's the place to get a good education and know that

**you are well loved and taken care of . The last thing I want to say is it is important for this new school to open up so every kid can experience what I did here I was also the second child in my family generation to graduate.**

**You are more then welcome to contact me at**

I wasn't able to make it to the meeting today but I wanted to be part of this so I'm writing this letter to let you know how important it is for this new charter school to be open and let our new kids be part of this new journey.

Sincerely kimberlee villagomez  
06/28/2022

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**From:** Mara W  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2022 11:59 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral academy vote no

In regards to the new coral academy school

They already have two coral elementary schools in Reno. Why not build the school over in sparks area ...a middle and high school to suppose the return rate form those middle schools.

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2022 12:45 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CAS-

Hello,

Coral academy school is the best choice for my kids. I support the building of the new campus.

Thanks,

Chinelo E.

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**From:** Melissa Nordeen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:27 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Cc:** PTBC@coralacademy.org; Quayle, Colleen; Tandogan, Feyzi; Mayberry, Adam; Nicolet, Diane M; Taylor, Angela; Smith, Elizabeth A; Rodriguez, Joseph M; Minetto, Ellen; Church, Jeffrey  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Coral Academy of Science - New Elementary Site (Agenda Item 5.01)

To the Ladies & Gentleman of the Board,

Re: Coral Academy of Science - New Elementary Site (Agenda Item 5.01)

In the past 4.5 years that I have lived in Nevada, I have had some of the greatest things happen to me. The birth of my second child, sitting on the board for many 501c's, Secretary for Coral Academy's PTBC and the start of my business, Black Seven Inc.

Also, in those 4.5 years, I have faced some of the most horrific experiences as well; domestic violence, emotional and physical abuse, sexual assault and my children have faced abuse.

While fleeing with my children with the help of Nevada's Victims of Crimes, a Counselor and CPS. I met with one social worker in Fallon who saw me at my lowest, and addressed concerns I had. See, our abuser would use my children to gain access to me. He would pick up my oldest from a WCSD school, after school and no one would ever stop him. I would then have to face my abuser in order to get my kid back. This social worker told me of a school, that their primary concern was safety and education. She told me of Coral Academy, but they had a lottery system but she would call them.

Within two weeks, I was called by Coral Academy's, Suni Slaten about my son's start date. I was relieved that we would be protected in some way. As I felt at this point, we hadn't been. That no one could protect us. To anyone, this maybe small but to me and my children it means everything. These teachers and employees know their kids. They kept me informed when something wasn't quite right and they called to let me know, even when they didn't know my story.

I have read your concerns addressing the new site. I've read what would happen if Coral's new site was to potentially close due to numbers. I've read what you could stand to lose, grant and loan wise, federally and locally. I assure you that, this is not an issue. With the influx of people coming into our state, education and safety should be our number one concern. The sheer numbers of students to teachers creates such a dynamic atmosphere for learning.

My second child starts begins Kindergarten next year, please think of this when making your decision. Coral Academy is a growing, safe and caring education institution. I would want any parent that has faced anything similar to what we have had to face feel the comfort and safety that I have felt while my child attends. I want parents to never know to never stop fighting for their safety, their education, and something they believe in.

**Melissa Nordeen**

**Chief Marketing Officer**  
**Black Seven Inc**

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**From:** Danielle Tolbert  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:12 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CAS Northwest Campus

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Please consider approving the application for Coral Academy New Campus in Northwest Reno. Our community would benefit with more schools with our expanding population.

Sincerely  
Danielle D Greene  
CAS Parent

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Gina Anderson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:57 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Voting against Coral Academy expansion

Hello,

I am writing to vote against approving Coral Academy expansion into the Northwest.

Two of my kids attended Coral since elementary school. When they got to high school, it was clear that they are expanding from the bottom up and are strained in providing for the students in the upper grades.

Many of my child's classmates fell behind academically during Covid. I suggested to the administration that they contact the Principal at McQueen High to consider modeling the changes implemented there with proven success in getting many of their struggling students back on track. This was given a perfunctory thanks and not pursued. There were no changes made to ameliorate the situation, rather, the solution was the same tutoring that was not moving the needle.

A good percentage of the high school students were also struggling mightily with social issues, from Covid isolation, family illnesses, truancy, drug use and depression to name a few. I cannot relate how much it frustrates me to know that despite asking all year long for the Coral administration to hire a school counselor during all of these evident problems, they instead chose to invest \$150,000 to expand an elementary campus in the Northeast. These students had serious, real life issues and virtually no one trained to counsel them at that school. No one to hear them, to recognize their struggles, to offer them assistance. This is a clear and epic failure of their students of the highest order.

I believe they have their eye toward expansion at the cost of their students' well being. Their focus on academic rigor applies well for students who were not struggling. The remaining students were largely left to their own devices and many failed to progress. More importantly, they truly felt neglected and allowed to fall through the cracks that became a gaping chasm as the year progressed. Many have left to pursue school in the District as a result.

It is my opinion that Coral should retrench and give right due effort in shoring up these issues vs taking on the additional issues sure to accompany expansion without forethought. Their students are depending on teachers and administrators caring about them as human beings first, as students second. It is not too much to expect.

Thank you for hearing this feedback.

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**From:** Kaiser, Phillip  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:13 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Item 5.04

I support the Memorandum of Agreement between WCSD and the Washoe Education Association, detailed in item 5.04. We know that the state of Nevada has had per pupil funding near the bottom of the nation for many years, and that Washoe County has the lowest adjusted base per pupil funding in the new funding formula. In order to recruit and retain highly qualified educators, Washoe must do better. The MOA is an attempt to provide an incentive for retention and recruitment. We are losing educators to other occupations, and we are losing educators to other school districts that provide higher salaries. I fully support these additional payments and I urge you to vote for them.

Phil Kaiser  
President, WEA

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**From:** Noah Tirona  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 10:20 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Petition for Coral Elementary

Dear Washoe County,

I'm aware about the decision to open Coral Elementary at Ski Mountain Dr. With the intention to expand their reach and serve more students. I myself have been at CAS highschool for two years and I'm currently a Junior and have witnessed with the rigorous curriculum and student expectations it has. Opening a new middle school is important to Coral Academy to facilitate both a diverse and small class learning environment. That is why I'm pledging Washoe County to approve this expansion. Thank you for understanding.

From,  
Noah Jade M Tirona

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**From:** James Jensen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2022 11:40 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Allow Coral Academy to expand

To whom it may concern,

I am a parent in Northwest Reno area who wants there to be options for my children's education. I feel that not allowing Coral Academy to expand to their new location would be a great travesty to the education of our children. Please take into consideration that the education of our youth is the primary concern of a school district and limiting school choice only hurts our youth. As parents we do not send our children to school to employ county employees but to provide our children with a education.