

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NEVADA STATE BOARD FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENT**

**S U B J E C T: Private School Licensing**

<u>  /  /  </u>	Public Workshop
<u>  /  /  </u>	Public Hearing
<u>  X  </u>	Consent Agenda
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MEETING DATE: September 5, 2013

AGENDA ITEM: 6

NUMBER OF ENCLOSURE(S):

**PRESENTER: Dale Erquiaga, Superintendent of Public Instruction**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the licensing of new Las Vegas Schools for two-year periods: 9thBridge School & Peace Garden.

Approve re-licensing of 3 Las Vegas Private Schools for two-year periods: Spring Valley Montessori School, Children's Choice – MGM and Children's Choice – Sunset.

Approve re-licensing 1 Las Vegas Private School for a four-year period: Merryhill School – Pecole Ranch.

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**FISCAL IMPACT: None**

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**BUDGET ACCOUNT (FOR PRINTING CHARGES ONLY):**

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**LENGTH OF TIME EXPECTED FOR PRESENTATION (IN MINUTES):** Consent Agenda

**BACKGROUND:** Private education institutions are covered by Chapter 394 in both the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Nevada Administrative Code. The Private Schools Education Programs Professional verifies that the statutory and regulatory requirements are met. The Nevada State Board of Education approves the issuing of each private school license.

**SUBMITTED BY: Donna M. Wix, Private & Charter Schools Education Programs Professional**

## PRIVATE SCHOOL ANALYSIS

**BACKGROUND:** 9thBridge School plans to open its doors to Kindergarten students for the 2013-14 school year and slowly expand to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This school will provide learning experiences based on neuroscience and social-emotional learning focusing on creativity and entrepreneurship. All teachers will participate in intense, on-going professional development in order to best meet the needs of all students and the vision of the school. The location in downtown Las Vegas is part of the desire to improve and upgrade downtown. A historic building has been transformed into an incredibly modern school site.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended the State Board approve the licensing of 9thBridge School for the two year period, August 26, 2013 through August 26, 2015. This school has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**NAME:** 9thBridge School

**ADDRESS:** 310 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

**OWNERSHIP:** 9thBridge School, Inc.  
Domestic Corporation  
Connie Yeh, President, Director

**INSURANCE:** Orgill-Singer & Associates  
Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is  
at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.  
Certificate of Deposit: \$5,000.00 Mutual of Omaha

**FINANCIAL STABILITY:** Revenue: \$ Estimates are not yet available  
Expense: Support is available from Zappos

**SITE VISIT:** June 20, 2013  
August 14, 2013

**ENROLLMENT:** 20 Kindergarten Students

**STAFF:** 1 teacher  
1 curriculum specialist

**COMPLAINT STATUS:** No complaints on file.

## PRIVATE SCHOOL ANALYSIS

**BACKGROUND:** Canaan Investment Company, DBA Peace Garden has applied for a license to provide a private Kindergarten class. Peace Garden has installed a keypad so that each family has its own code for secure entry. In addition security cameras are in use. Peace Garden has decorated the site so that it is welcoming and child friendly.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended the State Board approve the licensing of Peace Garden for the two year period, September 1, 2013 through September 1, 2015. This school has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**NAME:** Peace Garden

**ADDRESS:** 5447 S. Rainbow Blvd., E - 11  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89118

**OWNERSHIP:** Canaan Investment Company  
Domestic Corporation  
Shigeyuki Okano, Owner

**INSURANCE:** C. H. Wong  
Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is  
at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.  
Surety Bond: \$5,000.00 American Contractors Indemnity Company

**FINANCIAL STABILITY:** Revenue: \$ 39,000.00  
Expense: 38,241.82

**SITE VISIT:** August 13, 2013

**ENROLLMENT:** 8 students K

**STAFF:** 1 teacher

**COMPLAINT STATUS:** No complaints on file.

## PRIVATE SCHOOL ANALYSIS

**BACKGROUND:** Spring Valley Montessori School was first licensed in 2006 as a K – 6 school. SVMS now serves students in grades K – 8. During the past license period the school applied for one of the NV Energy solar grants and now has part of its campus running on solar energy. Students will be able to investigate the impact of this on their school and parents are being rewarded with one free afterschool class for their children.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended the State Board approve the re-licensing of Spring Valley Montessori School for the two year period, September 1, 2013 through September 1, 2015. This school has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**NAME:** Spring Valley Montessori School

**ADDRESS:** 6930 Edna Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89117

**OWNERSHIP:** Spring Valley Montessori,  
Domestic Limited-Liability Company  
Jesusa Alcantara, Managing Member

**INSURANCE:** Zurich Insurance  
Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is  
at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.  
Surety Bond: \$5,000.00 Platt River Insurance Company

**FINANCIAL STABILITY:** Revenue: \$ 756,000.00  
Expense: 695,560.00

**SITE VISIT:** August 13, 2013

**ENROLLMENT:** 43 students K - 8

**STAFF:** 3 teachers  
2 teacher assistants

**COMPLAINT STATUS:** No complaints on file.

## PRIVATE SCHOOL ANALYSIS

**BACKGROUND:** Children's Choice Learning Center – MGM is safely tucked away with access through the Employee Parking Garage of the MGM Grand Hotel. The two classrooms each have a Smart Board and a computer – both are used regularly. Behavior and citizenship are guided through the Character Counts program. The site director is especially proud of the K-1 Thanksgiving performance for parents.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended the State Board approve the re-licensing of Children's Choice Learning Center – MGM for the two year period, September 1, 2013 through September 1, 2015. This school has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**NAME:** Children's Choice Learning Center – MGM

**ADDRESS:** 3799 S. Las Vegas Boulevard  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109

**OWNERSHIP:** Children's Choice Learning Centers, Inc.  
Domestic Corporation  
Christopher Goodwin, President/Director  
Ronald Compton, Secretary

**INSURANCE:** Cherry Creek Insurance Agency, Inc.  
Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is  
at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.  
Certificate of Deposit: \$5,000 Compass Bank

**FINANCIAL STABILITY:** Revenue: \$ 256,380.00  
Expense: 126,530.00

**SITE VISIT:** August 13, 2013

**ENROLLMENT:** 22 students K and Grade 1

**STAFF:** 2 teachers

**COMPLAINT STATUS:** No complaints on file.

## PRIVATE SCHOOL ANALYSIS

**BACKGROUND:** Children's Choice Learning Center – Sunset plans to serve only Kindergarten students this school year. The physical plant is lovely. Parents must remember their security number in order to enter the building. A family resource library is available to support the needs of the families. A computer check in/out system is used and cameras help staff ensure the safety of children on the campus. This site has 4 classroom computers for the students. It is being purchased by Bright Horizons.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended the State Board approve the licensing of Children's Choice Learning Center – Sunset for the two year period, September 1, 2013 through September 1, 2015. This school has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**NAME:** Children's Choice Learning Center – Sunset

**ADDRESS:** 1310 W. Warm Springs Road  
Henderson, Nevada 89014

**OWNERSHIP:** Children's Choice Learning Centers, Inc.  
Domestic Corporation  
Christopher Goodwin, President/Director  
Ronald Compton, Secretary

**INSURANCE** Cherry Creek Insurance Agency, Inc.  
Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is  
at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.  
Certificate of Deposit: \$5,000 Compass Bank

**FINANCIAL STABILITY:** Revenue: \$ 119,580.00  
Expense: 74,596.17

**SITE VISIT:** August 13, 2013

**ENROLLMENT:** 21 students Kindergarten

**STAFF:** 1 teacher

**COMPLAINT STATUS:** No complaints on file.

## PRIVATE SCHOOL ANALYSIS

**BACKGROUND:** Merryhill School – Pecole Ranch is one of the many Nobel Learning Communities, Inc. schools. This school serves only Kindergarten students and generally has an enrollment of 12 – 14. NV Energy solar grants and now has part of its campus running on solar energy. Students will be able to investigate the impact of this on their school and parents are being rewarded with one free afterschool class for their children.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended the State Board approve the re-licensing of Merryhill School – Pecole Ranch for the four year period, September 1, 2013 through September 1, 2017. This school has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**NAME:** Merryhill School – Pecole Ranch

**ADDRESS:** 10050 Alta Drive  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89145

**OWNERSHIP:** Nobel Learning Communities, Inc.  
Domestic Corporation  
George Bernstein, Sole Director

**INSURANCE:** The Addis Group, Inc.  
Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is  
at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.  
Surety Bond: \$5,000.00 Western Surety Company

**FINANCIAL STABILITY:** Revenue: \$ 827,496.96  
Expense: 485,191.53

**SITE VISIT:** August 14, 2013

**ENROLLMENT:** 14 students Kindergarten

**STAFF:** 1 teacher

**COMPLAINT STATUS:** No complaints on file.