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Dear Superintendent Canavero,

As a parent, resident, and former veteran CCSD teacher, I am encouraged by, and supportive of, the state's commitment to provide new, quality school options to families currently being served by persistently underperforming schools.

Because I want to design and lead a school that supports the state's efforts to prepare all students for college and a career, I recently joined the Building Excellent Schools (BES) Fellowship and am proposing a public charter school for potential launch in fall 2018.

Students and families in many areas of Clark County lack access to high-performing schools, and access to our four- and five-star schools is strongly and chronically correlated to race, ethnicity, income, and geography. Furthermore, many of our one- and two-star schools are significantly overcrowded. For example, in the 89101 and 89104 zip codes, there are 10 open enrollment elementary schools, 6 of which received a one- or two-star rating on the most recent Nevada School Performance Framework. According to CCSD's most recent school enrollment vs. capacity document, the 10 open enrollment elementary schools in 89101 and 89104 are 2,381 students over capacity. Creating new schools in the ASD's area of focus has the potential to address two important issues: school overcrowding and limited access to high-performing, high-quality public schools.

As an aspiring public charter school founder, I am excited about the option of working with an authorizer that exists "to provide vibrant, high-quality, in-neighborhood alternatives for students in the State's underperforming schools in order to strengthen the educated, healthy citizenry across the State" ([Achievement School District](#)).

Thank you for your commitment to equitable education for the children of Nevada, and your ongoing work to ensure that every student has access to a quality school.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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