

## Cessation of Operation of a Private School; Reopening as a Public Charter School

**Private School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Charter School:** \_\_\_\_\_

NRS 386.505 allows a private school to “cease operating” as a private school and reopen as a public charter school. This application appears to be for a charter school that would result from the closure of a private school.

Because cessation of operation of a private school and reopening as a public charter school brings with it special considerations, the proposed sponsor of the charter school requests the signature below of each member of the Committee to Form a Charter School (Committee).

We the undersigned have read, understood, and agree to abide by the following statements:

- Charter schools are public schools. They are not a method of providing public funds to a private school.
- A public charter school “belongs” to the public and the school’s Governing Body. It *does not* belong to the former owner or operator of the private school. It *does not* belong to the owner of any facility the school will use.
- The owner (or director or administrator) of the former private school may serve as administrator of the charter school *only if* the Committee and/or Governing Body chooses him/her to serve as the administrator. He/she has no inherent right to serve as the public charter school administrator, and he/she may be removed from the charter school administrator position at the will of the Committee and/or Governing Body. The administrator reports to and serves at the pleasure of the Committee/Governing Body.
- The owner of a facility the charter school will use may not be a member of the Committee/Governing Body. A spouse, relative or employee of the owner of such a facility also may not be a member of the Committee/Governing Body.
- Employees of the former private school may not serve on the Committee or the Governing Body.
- The private school must be completely dissolved as a business entity and reopened as a public charter school. The new public charter school must be open to all interested pupils. A lottery must be used if more students apply than the school can accommodate (NRS 386.580). Former or “previously enrolled” private school pupils may not be automatically “grandfathered in” to the new school; they must go through the same enrollment process as pupils who were not enrolled in the former private school. The

