

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION
STATE OF IDAHO**

In the Matter of the Charter Renewal for:

INSPIRE CONNECTIONS ACADEMY

Case No. 22-52507

FINAL ORDER

On February 23, 2023, the Idaho Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) voted to accept and adopt the consent agreement signed by Inspire Connections Academy (“Inspire”) and the Director of the Idaho Public Charter School Commission, thereby approving Inspire’s renewal application and renewing Inspire’s charter for a five-year operational term, to begin July 1, 2023, with the following conditions:

1. Condition 1: Inspire’s alternative education program, Empower Connections Academy (Empower), must achieve a Meets Standard rating on the math proficiency measure of the Commission’s performance framework in fiscal year 2025. Since the corresponding data will be evaluated on or before November 15, 2025, the date by which this condition must be met is November 15, 2025.

Inspire scored 10% below the meets standard mark on this measure in fiscal year 2022.

The math proficiency measure is defined in the performance framework and shall be incorporated into Inspire’s 2023-2028 performance certificate.

2. Condition 2: Inspire is no longer “exempt from some or all measures within the financial portion of the Performance Framework,” as stated in Inspire’s 2018-2022 performance certificate. The purpose of this condition is to ensure that the public has access to an annual performance report that provides complete and transparent information about Inspire’s financial outcomes. This condition must be met by July 1,

2023.

3. Condition 3: Inspire's negotiated performance certificate shall include a maximum enrollment number not to exceed 2,150 students. However, Inspire will be permitted to request an increase in this enrollment number through the charter revision process. The purpose of this condition is to ensure budget predictability for all schools and to ensure that emergency growth decisions are made by the appropriate entity. This condition must be met by July 1, 2023.

INSPIRE CONNECTIONS ACADEMY shall comply with the conditions set forth above.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: March 7, 2023.

STATE OF IDAHO
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

By: *Alan L Reed*
Alan L Reed (Mar 6, 2023 15:55 MST)
ALAN REED
Chairman

APPEAL INFORMATION¹

This is a final order of the agency. Any party may file a motion for reconsideration of this final order within 14 days of the service date of this order. The agency will dispose of the petition for reconsideration within 21 days of its receipt, or the petition will be considered denied by operation of law. *See* Idaho Code § 67-5246(4).

Pursuant to Idaho Code sections 67-5270 and 67-5272, any party aggrieved by this final order or orders previously issued in this case may appeal this final order and all previously issued orders in this case to district court by filing a petition in the district court of the county in which: (a) a hearing was held, (b) the final agency action was taken, (c) the party seeking review of the order resides, or operates its principal place of business in Idaho, or (d) the real property or personal property that was the subject of the agency action is located.

An appeal must be filed within 28 days (a) of the service date of this final order, (b) of an order denying petition for reconsideration, or (c) the failure within 21 days to grant or deny a petition for reconsideration, whichever is later. *See* Idaho Code § 67-5273. The filing of an appeal to district court does not itself stay the effectiveness or enforcement of the order under appeal.

¹ Idaho regulations require this information be provided in all final orders. *See* IDAPA 04.11.01.740.02. However, due to the Consent Agreement signed by both the school and the Director of the Idaho Public Charter School Commission, and the adoption of the Consent Agreement by the Idaho Public Charter School Commission, it is likely not pertinent to this case.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on March 7, 2023, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the following method to:

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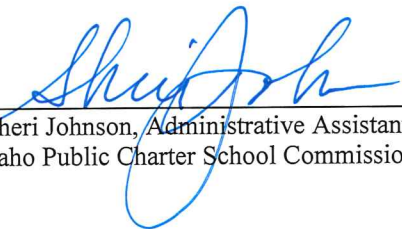
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