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Eagle's Nest Community Charter School Special Exception Narrative

Business Description (list all activities conducted at your business)

Charter school for grades Kindergarten through 8 with a current enrollment of 295 students.

Date the business is expected to open.

Eagle's Nest has been operating on this site since 2014. The SE request is for continuation of the use.

Days and Hours of Operation for the Business (include the estimated number of employees on duty per day)

K-8 school classes: Monday through Friday from 8: 00 a. m. to 3:00 p.m.

Before school care program: Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 8:00am

After school care program: Monday through Friday from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

In an effort to provide additional academic support to students, ENCA also offers Saturday School academic enrichment for a portion of the school year from 9:00am – 12:00pm.

During summer months, the school may conduct educational / recreational camps for students to provide extended learning opportunities.

Estimated number of persons that the business will employ. List the job titles and approximate salaries for the proposed employees.

Staff of 30, as follows:

(1) Principal 90K
(2) Administrative Assistants 32K
(19) Teachers 47,500K
(1) Bookkeeper 40K
(6) Other 13K

Size of the building area that the business will occupy

31,937 square feet

Describe how your business will affect the residents who live close by.

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The school is bordered to the North, East and West by light Industrial land uses zoned for such use. The only adjacent residential use is Georgetown Homes, a townhouse community located to the south, which is buffered from the rear of the school by a structural wall and shade trees. Moreover, the rear of the school is comprised of only a small courtyard playground and fire access lane. There are no other assembly, recreational or outdoor uses at the rear of the school that would generate incompatibilities. The school has fostered a relationship with the management of Georgetown Homes, which serves as the home to many of the school's students.

Describe how this business /use will affect neighboring businesses:

The neighboring businesses have not been adversely affected by the school being in the area, whereas the school has its own parking lot and is a self-contained facility. Nearby businesses benefit from the ability of their employees to send their children to a public school conveniently located close to their place of employment, and to partner with the school for the use of the school parking lot during non - school hours for occasional events that required additional parking. Additionally, school access has broadened the public awareness of many of the businesses that don't benefit from the visual exposure of a business fronting an arterial or collector roadway.

What site characteristics make this location suitable for your use /business:

The site has been improved and operated as a charter school since at least 1998. Eagle's Nest has operated a charter school on this site since 2014. The facility has been built out to the required specifications for a school with identified classroom space, food service area, outside play facility and appropriate office spaces. Annually, the facility is inspected by the local fire, health and school safety department to ensure it complies with all local and state requirements. The subject request is to renew the special exception previously granted to the property that automatically expired on June 24, 2024. The site has demonstrated its suitability to successfully and safely operate as a charter school for 26 years.

How will this use/ business affect the community economically?

Eagles Nest Community Charter School provides a free public education to students with more than 70% of the students residing in Lauderhill. Every child receives free breakfast, free lunch and those that stay for aftercare, receive a free snack daily under the national school lunch program. During the pandemic, we expanded our meal service program to not only serve the students of ENCA but to provide healthy meals to children within the Lauderhill community. The company employs 30 people, many of whom reside in the City of Lauderhill and the surrounding areas. The school patronizes local businesses for the products and services it uses and holds activities such as proms and teacher

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appreciation events at local restaurants within the City limits. Additionally, the school consistently seeks to do business with companies and organizations within the community the school proudly serves.

Describe any fire hazards associated with your business:

There are no fire hazards associated with the school. The school does not use gas, or store any chemicals, fluids or potentially hazardous substances.

Describe what security measures your business will require:

A School Guardian that is present on campus when students are present. The School Guardian has completed the state-mandated training through the Broward Sheriff's Office to secure the facility and carry an approved weapon while on campus. The school also has additional security measures. The facility is equipped with a security alarm system which detects motion as well as when a window or door is open. Only approved personnel have access to arm and disarm the security system. Each approved person utilizes a unique code so that it is easy to determine who accessed the facility. The alarm system communicates with Lauderhill Police Department. There are also security cameras located on the interior and exterior of the building. The cameras are monitored both at the school as well as remotely. In case there is ever an emergency at the school, Lauderhill PD also has access to the school's camera system.

Describe any chemicals, fluids, gases or potentially hazardous substances that your business will use or store on site:

The school does not use and hazardous substances or store hazardous substances on site.

Describe any activity in your business that will use water other than normal washing and toilet use:

No activities occur on site that requires use of water other than washing and toilet use.

Describe any activity in your business that will utilize City park facilities:

The school operates within the property. Although not part of the curriculum, the school may access the area parks for various activities throughout the year such as fieldtrips, end of year field day activities, summer camp activities, etc.

Describe any activity in your business that will generate noise, light or vibration:

No activity will venerate noise, light or vibration.

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Describe transit, automobile or pedestrian traffic that your business will create in the area:

The school provides bus transportation for students and allows parents to drop off and pick up their children. The travel patterns for both the car and bus loop have been approved by the school board to ensure students can arrive and be dismissed safely. Due to the strategic car and bus loops, local traffic is not disturbed as cars do not back up onto the local roads. There are students who walk and ride their bikes to school. To help slow down traffic so that students are able to safely commute to school, there is a school traffic zone on 15th Street.

Describe any activity in your business that will Involve alcohol, music or live entertainment:

No activity will involve alcohol, music or live entertainment other than customary school activities that take place within the enclosed building.

Describe any other aspects of your business about which you feel that the reviewer should know:

Eagles' Nest Community Charter Schools, has been in business for approximately 19 years and has been located on the site in question for roughly 10 of those years. It has held the coveted " High Preforming Status" designation from the State of Florida allowing its educational practices and business model to be replicated in another school District as an example of how quality school should perform. The school has had a previous run of three consecutive " A" grades and has been highlighted by the Miami Herald as having the highest VAM (Value Added Model) scores of all Broward County Schools at any grade level, traditional or charter, according to that year's data from the Florida Department of Education. The same article ranked Eagles' Nest 23 of all schools statewide that year, utilizing the same criteria.

The school has established a wonderful communal relationship with many of the municipal departments, businesses and residents within the Lauderhill community.

The building exterior has been recently painted and is kept neatly manicured to ensure its aesthetics are commensurate with community standards and that it does not create an eyesore to the surrounding businesses or to the City. School grounds are landscaped on a regular reoccurring schedule and all items that could become potential projectiles in storms with high winds are removed from the premises as a precaution.

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Legal Description

A portion of Tract "E", of **INDUSTRIAL '100' UNIT TWO,** a Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 85, at Page 2, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.

Commence at the Southeast corner of Tract "E", **INDUSTRIAL '100' UNIT TWO;** thence South 89 degrees 09' 40" West along the South 89 degrees 09' 40" West along the South line, 335.22 feet to the East line of Parcel of land by survey by Heller, Weaver and Associates, Inc., under File No. 81-1593-HS, dated March 26, 1981, and filed in Official Records Book 9844, Page 492; thence North 01degrees 04' 50" West, 269.65 feet to the South right-of-way line Northwest 15th Street; (This call being the East line of Parcel of Land by survey by Heller, Weave and Associates, Inc., under File No. 81-1593-HS, dated March 26, 1981 and filed in Official Records Book 9844, Page 492); thence North 89 degrees 09' 40" East along the South right-of-way line of Northwest 15th Street 01 degrees 04' 50" East, 269.65 feet to the Point of Beginning.