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## **GREEN DOT WASHINGTON STATE BOARD ELECTS TO CLOSE EXCEL AND DESTINY AT END OF 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR**

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The Charter School Commission has been notified that the Board of Excel Public Charter School and Destiny Middle School has voted to close their doors at the end of this school year due to a misalignment between revenues based on enrollment projections and expenditures. Chartered four years ago before the uncertainty caused by two constitutional challenges, their ambitious goal of enrolling 600 students at both schools was not realized. Excel and Destiny will continue to provide an excellent education to their students through the end of this school year, and is working with the individual families to ensure a smooth transition for the 2019 school year.

“Our hearts go out to the parents in Kent and Tacoma whose children have found a home in these schools. Our top priority will be to ensure that each of these families is supported in the transition. The remaining Green Dot school, Rainier Valley Leadership Academy, will be an option for all Excel students,” said Cindi Williams, Chair of the Washington State Charter School Commission.

In addition to enrollment challenges, Green Dot made long-term investments in facilities on top of an educational model that serves our highest need student population, a disproportionate number having special needs. The challenges created by the resulting high costs and lower than expected enrollment led to the Board’s decision.

### **About Washington State’s Charter School Commission**

Washington State’s Charter School Commission was formed with the mission of creating a rigorous and comprehensive proposal process and to hold charters accountable to high standards of quality. The Commission is an independent state agency that exists to authorize and oversee high quality public charter schools throughout Washington with an emphasis on schools designed to expand opportunities for at-risk students, providing leadership and oversight that is consistent with national principles and standards of charter school authorizers and the provisions of Washington’s charter school law.