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## **CSI Board of Directors Approves New Charter School in Colorado Springs**

DENVER, CO (January 23, 2019) – At its January 22<sup>nd</sup> regular board meeting, the [Colorado Charter School Institute](http://www.csi.state.co.us) (CSI) Board of Directors approved the [new school application](#) for [Coperni 3](#) to open in Colorado Springs in the 2019-2020 school year.



Coperni 3 will be the third school in the Third Future Schools network. The school will offer students personalized learning with a focus on critical thinking skills, an experienced teaching staff to support student learning, and free before-and-after school care to provide families greater flexibility. The school plans to serve grades K-6 in the 2019-20 school year and will add 7<sup>th</sup> grade in 2020-21 and 8<sup>th</sup> grade in 2021-22.

Coperni 3 is approved for a 3-year contract term with the opportunity to receive an additional two year automatic extension should certain performance milestones be met related to academic, financial, and organizational performance.

This approval follows the recommendation of the CSI Review Team, which included CSI staff and an expert, external reviewer. The recommendation was developed following a rigorous review process that included an application, community meeting, capacity interview with members of the applicant team, and a presentation to members of the CSI board.

More information about Coperni 3's program and information about enrolling for the 2019-2020 school year is available on Coperni 3's website: <https://www.coperni3.org/>.

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