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Frontier Charter Academy in Calhan to Voluntarily Close at End of School Year

DENVER, CO (March 4, 2019) – <u>Frontier Charter Academy</u> leadership has decided to close the school at the end of the 2018-2019 school year, citing low enrollment the past two years. As of the 2018 October Count, the school was serving 18 students.

Frontier Charter Academy opened in 2001 in Calhan, Colorado and transferred to the <u>Colorado Charter School Institute</u> in 2011. The school continues to serve students in grades K-8 with a Core Knowledge model that "establishes and maintains an atmosphere of creativity, innovation, imagination, resourcefulness and quality that elevates learning to new heights beyond traditional models."

This past month, Frontier school leader, Karin Gurokovich, confirmed that she had informed families of the school's decision to close at the end of the school year. In a letter to families, Gurokovich shared: "We love our FCA families and we want the best for all of our students. [We] will be available to assist parents in transferring students to a new school for the 2019-2020 school year."

Dr. Terry Croy Lewis, CSI Executive Director, said, "School choice is about empowering families to make the best decisions for students' education, and Frontier has been a wonderful option in the Calhan community for many years. School closures are always difficult, but we are fully committed to supporting the Frontier leadership and board in transitioning families to other educational options."

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CSI is a statewide charter public school authorizer in Colorado, currently authorizing 39 schools from Durango to Steamboat Springs, Grand Junction to Colorado Springs, and serving over 18,000 PK-12 students. We believe that every child should have access to high performing school choices and are committed to the creation and success of high-quality charter public school options that offer diverse educational models to best meet the needs of every child. Our approach to authorizing charter schools balances autonomy and accountability. We offer our schools the flexibility to choose the educational models and methods that best meet the unique needs of their students and communities, and we hold them accountable to clear expectations for academic, financial, and organizational performance. Learn more at www.csi.state.co.us and follow CSI on Facebook and Twitter.