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CSI Board of Directors Approves Application for Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins West Middle School

DENVER, CO (April 16, 2019) – During its April 16th regular board meeting, the [Colorado Charter School Institute](http://www.csi.state.co.us) (CSI) Board of Directors approved the replication application for the [Colorado Early Colleges \(CEC\) Fort Collins West](http://www.csi.state.co.us). The school will open the 2019-2020 school year and serve middle school students. The proposed building is at the corner of Horsetooth Road and Taft Hill Road and is currently under contract.



The CSI Board also recently approved a CEC Windsor to open for the 2019-2020 school year. As shared in the replication application, Fort Collins and its surrounding communities continue to grow and the existing CEC Fort Collins is already at capacity. The addition of CEC Fort Collins West and CEC Windsor “will expand CEC’s ability to serve students in the immediate areas of Windsor, Greeley, and Loveland in addition to other high growth towns such as Timnath, Severance, Johnstown, Ault, Eaton and Milliken.”

“When reviewing replication applications, the CSI Review Team evaluates the success of existing schools, capacity of staff and leadership, and community demand for the additional campus. After a comprehensive analysis of the proposal, we were able to recommend approval for CEC Fort Collins West,” said Ryan Marks, CSI Director of Evaluation and Assessment. The Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins West is approved for a 5-year contract term. The school is now enrolling for the 2019-2020 school year through its [website](http://www.csi.state.co.us).

[The Colorado Early Colleges Network](http://www.csi.state.co.us) was created by former Senator Keith King and provides students in grades 6-12 the opportunity to start working on college-level courses as soon as they are college ready, allowing students to earn a combination of high school and college credits as they pursue a high school diploma and an Associate degree or higher. And, as shared in the recently released [2017-2018 Annual Report on Concurrent Enrollment](http://www.csi.state.co.us), Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins had 870 students participating in concurrent enrollment—more students than any other school in the state.

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About the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI)

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 or our [Media Kit](#), and follow CSI on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).