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CSI Board of Directors Approves New Charter School in Fort Collins

FORT COLLINS, CO (June 19, 2019) – At its June 19th regular board meeting, the [Colorado Charter School Institute](http://www.csi.state.co.us) (CSI) Board of Directors approved the [new school application](#) for [Pinecrest Impact Academy](#) to open in Fort Collins in the 2020-2021 school year.



This approval comes after a comprehensive and rigorous analysis of the new school application and applicant team by the CSI Review Team. In addition to a review of the application, the review process includes a request for clarification, capacity interview, a presentation to the CSI board, and a geographic meeting.

CSI currently authorizes four schools in the Fort Collins area: Academy of Arts and Knowledge, Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins, Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins West, and AXIS International Academy. CEC Fort Collins West and AXIS are set to open this fall. A market analysis of the Fort Collins area conducted by CSI staff confirms an anticipated population growth in Larimer County with expected enrollment growth in the area. “As a statewide charter school authorizer, our focus is on increasing the number of quality educational options where there is a need. Pinecrest Impact Academy has reached 74% of their intended contingency enrollment through letters of intent more than a year before opening, which shows a clear interest in this particular model in the area,” said Ryan Marks, CSI Director of Evaluation and Assessment.

The mission of Pinecrest Impact Academy is “to afford students the essential skills necessary for reading and learning through a personalized, systematic, structured, and multi-sensory curriculum in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.” Pinecrest will serve grades K-4 initially, building out to serve grades K-8. The school will contract with Pinecrest Academy, Inc., which currently manages schools in both Florida and Nevada.

Pinecrest Impact Academy is approved for a 3-year contract term. The school is collecting intent to enroll forms for the 2020-2021 school year through its website: www.pinecrestimpact.org.

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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 and follow CSI on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).