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State Charter Authorizer Hosts Regional Meeting

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO (September 18, 2019) – The [Colorado Charter School Institute](http://www.csi.state.co.us), the state's charter school authorizing entity, hosted its fall regional meeting in Glenwood Springs on September 16th. Schools authorized by the Colorado Charter School Institute that are located west of Front Range—including schools in Durango, Grand Junction, Steamboat Springs, Edwards, and Carbondale—attended the daylong meeting.



The group hears from Dr. Scott Bauer, University of Colorado-Denver

Ongoing Professional Development

The annual fall gathering featured sessions on school-wide progress monitoring, safety procedures, and licensure and professional development updates for serving English Learners. Dr. Shannon Hagerman and Dr. Scott Bauer from the University of Colorado-Denver facilitated an afternoon session focused on creating rich learning organizations.

CSI Director of Student Services, Clare Vickland, who oversees the regional meetings that take place three times a year in Denver, Colorado Springs, and the Western Slope, shared: “In response to school leader feedback, we adjusted this year’s regional meetings to give our school leaders an ongoing professional development opportunity across the school year focused on leadership and organizational development.”

Celebrating Milestones

Over lunch, attendees celebrated CSI’s 15th anniversary by viewing a video commemorating the [charter school authorizer](#)’s creation and early years and receiving CSI’s [15th anniversary publication](#).

CSI hosted an anniversary gathering in Denver on July 19th and is hosting smaller celebrations in the Western Slope and Colorado Springs at its fall regional meetings. “We recognize how difficult it can be for our schools on the Western Slope to get to Denver, so we wanted to bring the celebration to our schools,” shared CSI Communications Coordinator, Amanda Oberg.

CSI also recognized [Ross Montessori School](#), a K-8 charter school in Carbondale, over lunch. Ross was one of the first two schools to be approved and opened under CSI in 2005 and will be celebrating its 15th anniversary next year.

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About the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI)

CSI is a statewide charter public school authorizer in Colorado, currently authorizing 40 schools from Durango to Steamboat Springs, Grand Junction to Colorado Springs and serving over 18,000 PK-12 students. As a charter authorizer, CSI focuses on the outputs—that is, the quantitative evaluation of academic, organizational, and financial school performance—providing schools the flexibility to focus on and make decisions about inputs like instructional strategies, educational programming, internal assessment system, facility selection, and staffing. The focus on outcomes rather than processes allows CSI to be neutral on educational model and maintain a diverse portfolio of school models, which include Classical, Early College, Alternative, and Montessori models. Learn more at www.csi.state.co.us or read our [Media Kit](#), and follow CSI on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).