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Global Village Academy-Northglenn Earns Five Year Charter Renewal

Denver, CO (November 17, 2020) – The [Colorado Charter School Institute](http://www.csi.state.co.us) (CSI) Board of Directors approved the renewal application for [Global Village Academy-Northglenn](http://www.globalvillageacademy.com) at its board meeting on November 17. This year, twelve schools are up for renewal. The remaining schools will be discussed at the December board meeting.

Evaluating Renewal Schools During COVID-19

The [CSI Annual Review of Schools \(CARS\)](http://www.csi.state.co.us) is used to evaluate and accredit CSI schools annually based on academic, financial, and organizational performance, and the CARS report is a large part of the body of evidence used to make renewal decisions.

The suspension of the state assessment during the 2019-20 due to COVID-19 created a gap in the academic evaluation of school performance. In response to this state assessment pause, CSI [made adjustments to charter accountability](http://www.csi.state.co.us) during COVID-19.

Essentially, a school's academic performance rating during the 2018-19 school year was used as a base accreditation rating for the 2019-20 school year. Then, following CSI's typical process, if a subset of measures on the Financial or Organizational Framework were not met during the 2019-20 school year, the school's accreditation rating could have been lowered.

"The feedback we received from school leaders and school boards, CSI staff and board, and national partners and other authorizers in the late spring was instrumental in allowing us to craft a modified renewal process that was responsive to the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and upholding our values as an authorizer" shared Ryan Marks, CSI Director of Evaluation and Assessment, who oversees the CSI renewal process.

"Despite required modifications due to the pandemic, the modified renewal process continues to reflect the same values from our existing renewal process with a focus on maintaining public transparency and our commitment to evidence-based decision-making, and ensured consistent expectations for schools."

Consistent Performance Leads to Strong Renewal Recommendation

Global Village Academy - Northglenn opened in 2011 and transferred to CSI in 2016. The Global Village Academy Collaborative includes campuses in Aurora and Douglas County in addition to the Northglenn campus.

The school has received a "Performance" rating in four of the last five years and is in the top third of schools within five miles based on the percentage of points earned on the State Performance Framework. The school has also demonstrated strong financial and operational performance. Due to its strong performance, Global Village Academy – Northglenn (GVA-N) was granted a 5-year renewal term, the longest possible renewal term that can be granted by the [state charter authorizer](http://www.csi.state.co.us).

Nicole Wetzel, principal at GVA-N, shares, "Global Village Academy is proud to be a part of the CSI family of schools, and we are pleased to have received a five-year renewal from CSI, which reflects our mission of providing instruction beyond the English language and preparing students for a global future, something essential in today's world. We look forward to our continued partnership with CSI as we grow and excel our international academy."

The mission of GVA-N is for students to become fluent and literate in English and a second world language, excel academically in core content subjects, and develop 21st century skills, including cross-cultural understanding. Learn more about GVA-N by visiting <https://northglenn.gvaschools.org/>.

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