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Twelve CSI Charter Schools Renewed by Board of Directors

Denver, CO (December 15, 2020) – Eleven charter schools authorized by the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI) were renewed for varying contract terms at the December 15th board meeting. One school, Global Village Academy-Northglenn, was renewed in November.

In a typical year, the main body of evidence for renewal comes from CSI's annual charter school review, which evaluates a school's performance against academic, operational, and financial performance frameworks.

The suspension of state assessments during the 2019-2020 school year created a gap in the academic evaluation of school and, as a result, the charter renewal process was adjusted for the 2020 renewal cycle.

CSI Director of Evaluation and Assessment Ryan Marks oversees the CSI renewal process. Marks shares: "Throughout the charter renewal process, we focused on providing flexibility and adjusting our processes to help support schools as they navigate charter renewal during the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the disruption in state academic testing, we were able to create processes that allowed us to uphold our values as an authorizer while being responsive to school and community needs."

The process included typical components such as a renewal application and school site visits, which took place virtually this fall. CSI made baseline recommendations for renewal schools based on academic data from 2014-15 through 2018-19. Financial and organizational outcomes from the 2019-20 school year were included for consideration as well. Schools were also given the option to provide a supplemental body of evidence with data from the 2019-20 school year if it would materially impact the contract term.

Renewal contract terms varied, with five years being the maximum contract length a school can receive. Some schools were granted performance contracts, which automatically add or remove additional years if the schools meet certain performance benchmarks.

See below for a list of renewal schools along with their approved contract terms.

School	Location	Model	Contract Term
Academy of Arts & Knowledge	Fort Collins	Arts Integration	5 years
Colorado International Language Academy	Colorado Springs	Language Immersion	3+2
Community Leadership Academy/ Victory Preparatory Academy	Commerce City	Core Knowledge	5-3

Early College of Arvada	Arvada	Early College	3 years
Global Village Academy-Northglenn	Northglenn	Language Immersion	5 years
High Point Academy	Aurora	Wellness	3+2
Montessori del Mundo	Aurora	Montessori	3+2
Mountain Middle School	Durango	Project-Based	5 years
Mountain Song Community School	Colorado Springs	Waldorf	3+2
New America School Lowry	Denver	Alternative Education Campus	3+2
Steamboat Montessori (formerly Mountain Village Montessori)	Steamboat Springs	Montessori	5 years
The Pinnacle Charter School	Federal Heights	Core Knowledge	3+2

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CSI is a statewide charter public school authorizer in Colorado, currently authorizing 42 schools from Durango to Steamboat Springs, Grand Junction to Colorado Springs and serving over 20,000 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 and follow CSI on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).