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State Chartering Agency Renews Local Charter Schools

Denver, CO (December 15, 2021) – Six charter schools overseen by the [Colorado Charter School Institute](http://www.csi.state.co.us) (CSI) were [renewed for varying contract terms](#) at the December 14th board meeting. This includes two charter schools authorized by CSI in Colorado Springs: Colorado Early Colleges Colorado Springs and Coperni 3. Colorado Military Academy's contract will be considered by the CSI board in January.

Colorado Early Colleges Colorado Springs

The CSI Board voted to renew the contract of Colorado Early Colleges Colorado Springs (CECCS) for a term of five years based on the school's strong academic, financial, and operational performance over the contract term. Five years is the maximum length for a renewal contract.

The school's renewal report notes the school's strong postsecondary and workforce readiness outcomes, including graduation rates and dropout rates that exceed the geographic district. The school consistently performs in the top 30% of schools statewide. Additionally, a high percentage of CEC graduates earn a post-secondary credential and matriculate into a post-secondary environment. In fact, the school has a much larger percent of students attaining a post-secondary credential (76.6%) than the state (59.8%) and the geographic district (57.2%) within six years.

Colorado Early Colleges Colorado Springs, which has offered an early college education to high school students since 2007, added a middle school program this year. CECCS was also recently approved to begin operating a Single District Online Program. The school saw an increase in enrollment this year and anticipates continued growth in the coming year.

CECCS has put a focus on social-emotional learning (SEL) and has integrated strategies to increase student engagement leading to a safe, positive, and creative school culture. The school also utilizes an online SEL program that is self-paced and allows for one-on-one conversations with each student.

Learn more about the school and enroll for the upcoming school year:

<https://coloradoearlycolleges.org/coloradosprings/>

Coperni 3

Coperni 3 serves students in grades K-8 with a personalized learning educational model and is part of the Third Future Schools network of charter schools. The school serves a diverse student population, enrolling students eligible for free- or reduced-price lunch and multilingual

learners at a higher rate than the surrounding district. Since 2019, the school's enrollment has increased by 51% as the school build out its grade levels.

The school opened in 2019 and did not receive any state accountability ratings for its first two years of operations due to COVID-19. However, the school has shown increasing levels of achievement and growth in both reading and math since opening as demonstrated by data collected through the NWEA MAP assessment. And importantly, the school demonstrated clear success in removing achievement and growth gaps between students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch and students of color. Notably, Coperni 3 was able to offer in-person instruction for the entirety of the 2020-21 school year.

The school was renewed for a term of three years with an automatic two-year extension if certain performance benchmarks are met.

Learn more about the school and enroll for the upcoming school year: <https://www.coperni3.org/>

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About the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI)

CSI is a statewide charter public school authorizer in Colorado, currently authorizing 42 schools from Cortez 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](#).