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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 the two charter schools authorized by CSI in the Grand Junction region: Caprock Academy in Grand Junction and Monument View Montessori in Fruita.

Caprock Academy

The CSI Board voted to renew the contract of Caprock Academy 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.

Caprock Academy serves students in grades K-12 with a classical education model in Grand Junction. The school recently expanded their facility, adding over 60,000 square feet that houses 24 classrooms, larger band and choir rooms and an auxiliary gym.

Caprock has seen strong outcomes at the high school level, with graduation rates at 100%. In 2018-19, the last year with statewide academic performance data, the school was in the top third of all schools in the state. The school continues to outperform the geographic district and the state in elementary and middle school English Language Arts and PSAT and SAT evidence-based reading and writing. 80% of students attain a post-secondary credential within six years, which is much higher than the state and geographic district.

Looking ahead, the school plans to expand post-secondary pathway support beyond 4-year college acceptance, including expanding career and technical pathways and increasing support for transition plans for students receiving special education supports.

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

Monument View Montessori

The CSI Board voted to renew the contract of Monument View Montessori for a term of three years with an automatic two-year extension if certain performance benchmarks are met.

Monument View Montessori is located in Fruita and offers a Montessori-inspired education program for students in grades PK-3.

While the school's size limits the publicly reportable academic data available, interim assessments provide an insight into the school's growing performance. Nearly 75% students

are meeting or exceeding benchmarks on the DIBELS assessment during the 2020-21 school year, a significant increase from the prior year.

In addition to its academic growth, the school has seen growth in its student body. Since 2017, enrollment has increased by 38% and now maintains a large waitlist.

Learn more about the school and enroll for the upcoming school year: <https://mvmcharter.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 Towaoc 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](#).