

# Parent Engagement in the Charter Application Process

The Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI) encourages, and state law requires, parent and community engagement throughout the application process. Here are some ways to engage, with statutory requirements identified by an asterisk (\*).



## Application Development

- Attend informational meetings and events hosted by the founding team to learn about the proposed school
- During these events, ask questions about and provide feedback on components of the application, including:
  - Need and support for this school, including providing letters of intent to enroll or letters of support from community partners, if applicable\*
  - Ongoing parent and community involvement in the governance of proposed school, including parent opportunities to serve on the school's board or serve on the school's parent organization\*
- Consider joining the founding board to help shape the school



## Application Review

- Review the school's application posted on the CSI website
- Ask questions and share your opinions during the community meeting where CSI takes public testimony to share with the CSI Board\*
- Engage with the District Accountability Committee's review of the application, if applicable\*



## Application Decision-making

- Provide public comment at the CSI Board Committee meetings when the founding team presents on its application and when the CSI recommendation is considered
- Provide public comment at the CSI Board Meeting during which the application is voted on

*For more specifics on how to get involved and to learn more about CSI's application process, visit [www.csi.state.co.us](http://www.csi.state.co.us)*