

RESOLUTION 1614

**CONCERNING THE RENEWAL APPLICATION TO THE
COLORADO CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE FROM
MOUNTAIN SONG COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2016, CSI received a charter renewal application from MOUNTAIN SONG COMMUNITY SCHOOL (“MOUNTAIN SONG”);

WHEREAS, the renewal application was examined in accordance with national best practices for charter school application review;

WHEREAS, CSI staff analyzed all available cumulative annual and interim student performance data, school financial performance data, governance/operations data, and other outcomes data covering the full term of MOUNTAIN SONG’s contract;

WHEREAS, during the summer of 2016, the school was notified along with all renewal schools that the foundation for the renewal analysis and decision-making would be the CSI Annual Review of Schools (CARS);

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2016, the school received its preliminary Annual Performance Report (APR) summarizing cumulative academic, financial and operations information and its CSI Accountability Rating;

WHEREAS, during fall 2016 the school had the opportunity to provide additional information related to the CARS rating and the annual review documentation;

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2016, CSI staff provided a copy of the attached staff recommendation, recommending renewal, to both MOUNTAIN SONG and the CSI Board;

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2016, the CSI Board Performance Management Committee convened to discuss the application and the staff recommendation, and the recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for consideration at the December 13, 2016 CSI Board Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the CSI Board has fully considered the renewal request from MOUNTAIN SONG, as well as the recommendation report from CSI staff, and all the additional information provided by MOUNTAIN SONG;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the CSI Board that the application from MOUNTAIN SONG is hereby approved for a TWO-YEAR period;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following provision be incorporated into the charter contract to determine a possible TWO-YEAR contract extension:

Contract Provision: If the school maintains a CDE and CSI rating of Performance during the 2-year term, the contract will be extended by two additional years, through June 30, 2021. If the school fails to meet the performance metric, the School will not be eligible for the automatic extension and the contract will end June 30, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following conditions be fulfilled prior to execution of the charter renewal contract:

Condition #1: Resubmit a balanced 5-year budget using more realistic PPR increases. The School used a 2% increase in PPR in the 5-year budget submitted with the application. Due January 13, 2017.

Condition #2: Submit confirmation of waivers for inclusion in contract exhibits. Note: CRS 22-32-109(1)(n)(II)(A) is no longer an automatic waiver, so a replacement plan is needed if the School desires to maintain this waiver. Due January 13, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following milestones be incorporated into the charter renewal contract:

Milestone #1: The school leader evaluation notes concerns about playground safety and background checks. Please provide an explanation of the deficiencies and a plan for addressing the deficiencies. Due March 1, 2017.

Milestone #2: Consult with the CSI Student Services Team regarding identification of- and programming for Gifted and Talented students. Due March 1, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this decision be communicated to MOUNTAIN SONG as soon as practicable and is hereby incorporated into the record.

Adopted this 13th day of December, 2016.

COLORADO CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE

By: 
Chair, Board of Directors

I certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 1614 was adopted by the CSI Board of Directors at a regular Board meeting upon notice as required by law on December 13, 2016, by a roll-call vote of Aye 8, Nay 0, and Abstention 0.

By: 
Secretary, Board of Directors