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News Release

Charter School Institute Statement on Colorado Supreme Court Decision

Lee Barratt, interim executive director of the Charter School Institute, today issued the following statement regarding the Colorado Supreme Court's decision to deny certiorari in the Boulder Valley School District case against the Colorado State Board of Education.

"This decision means the legal challenge to the constitutionality of the Colorado Charter School Institute has failed. The Charter School Institute has been found to be constitutional.

"This final step provides the Institute's schools with legal security. The Institute's primary goal is providing high-quality public schools of choice, especially for at-risk populations of students.

"Schools authorized by CSI can now carry on their business of educating students without the threat of a legal challenge. This settlement will help the individual Institute schools in acquiring long-term financing and this will lower capital construction costs, helping them target more resources to their student needs."

CSI oversees 17 public charter schools across the state serving more than 7,000 students.

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