

Quarterly Webinar

Training for CSI School Governing Boards
December 2020



Welcome!



Agenda



MEET CSI
LEADERSHIP



OVERVIEW OF
CSI'S PORTFOLIO



BOARD MEMBERS
AS ADVOCATES



LEADING DURING
THE PANDEMIC





We believe that behind every successful charter school is a high-performing governing board.

THANK YOU for committing your time, energy, and expertise to a **CSI** charter school!



Introductions



CSI Leadership Team



Dr. Terry Croy Lewis
Executive Director



Janet Dinnen
Chief of Staff



Amanda Karger
Director of Finance



Ryan Marks
*Director of Evaluation
& Assessment*

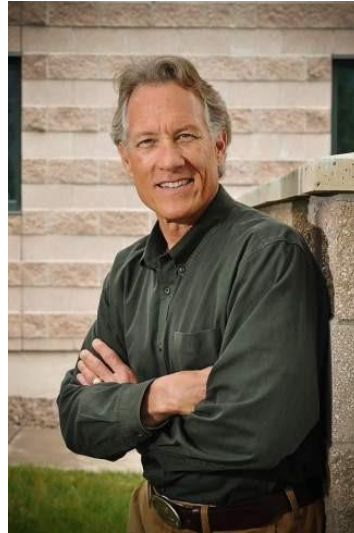


Clare Vickland
*Director of Student
Services*

WE'RE HIRING: Director of Legal & Policy Initiatives



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CSI Board of Directors



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ERIC LERUM



FRANK MCNULTY



JILL ANSCHUTZ



LUKE RAGLAND



TAMARA OLSON



TOM BRINEGAR



MARIBEL OBRIQUE

Committee Meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of the month, and regularly scheduled Board meetings are generally held on the third Tuesday of each month. Visit the [CSI BoardDocs page](#) for more information.

Upcoming Meetings:

- December 8 – Committee Meetings
- December 11 – Special Board Meeting
- December 15 – Board Meeting



Our Mission



Our mission is to foster **high-quality** charter public school **choices**, particularly those **closing the opportunity gap**.



Board Members as Advocates



Advocacy Issues

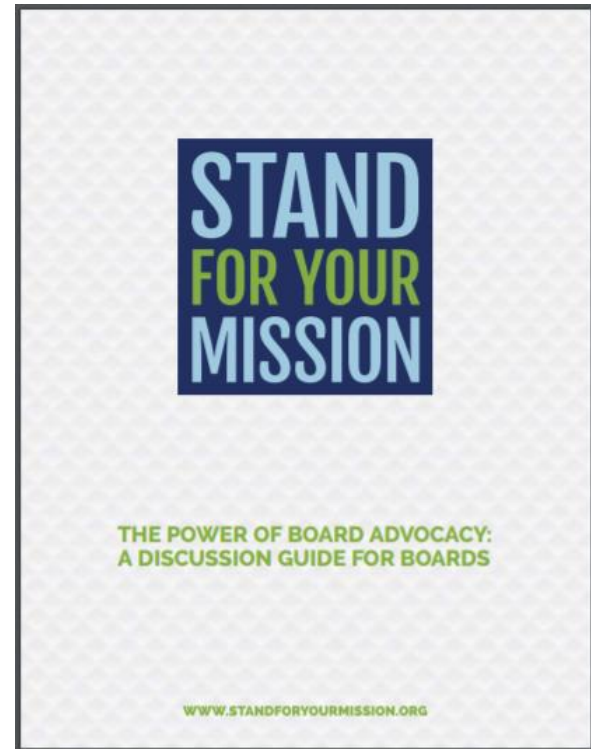
- Equitable Funding
- Serving All Students
- COVID-19 Relief and Impacts
- Expectations for upcoming legislative session





Questions to Ask

- How is our community impacted by public policy? Are there barriers that changes to public policy could help address?
- Are we actively engaged in conversations with decision makers about the policies or decisions that affect our school/community? If not, why not?
- Do we understand the networks of influence of our board members to leverage them as a part of advocacy efforts?





Connecting with Legislators

- Confirm which legislators represent your school/community [[Find My Legislator](#)]
- Invite legislators to groundbreaking and special events (virtually)
- Schedule meetings with key legislators at least once a year



When Advocating...

Be Prepared

know what to expect



Be Purposeful

know what you want



Be Personal

tell your story





Additional Advocacy Resources

Colorado League of Charter Schools

- ACT: Legislative Updates newsletter
- Colorado Charter Advocacy Network (COCAN) Listserv

The screenshot shows the top portion of an email newsletter. At the top left is the ACT logo (a yellow circle with 'ACT' in black) and the text 'Advocacy and ACTION go hand-in-hand with organizing, policy, legislation and leadership.' To the right is a 'Forward to a friend' link and a 'Newsletter SIGN-UP >>' button. Further right are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Below this is a photograph of a hand putting a red envelope labeled 'Vote!' into a ballot box. The background of the photo shows a blue sign with a large exclamation mark and the word 'Ballot' partially visible.

**You voted, so now what?
When it comes to public charter schools,
we move forward together**

Colorado State House and Senate Results
While the federal picture has yet to come into complete focus, things here in Colorado are a bit more clear. Democrats maintained control of the Colorado Senate gaining an additional seat and now holding a 20-15 majority. In Senate District 25 just north of Denver, Senator Kevin Priola, a charter school champion, defeated his challenger in the most contested race in the state. Senator Bob Rankin, from Carbondale on the Western Slope, narrowly defeated his challenger and will return to serve on the Joint Budget Committee where he has been a steadfast supporter of charter schools and funding equity.

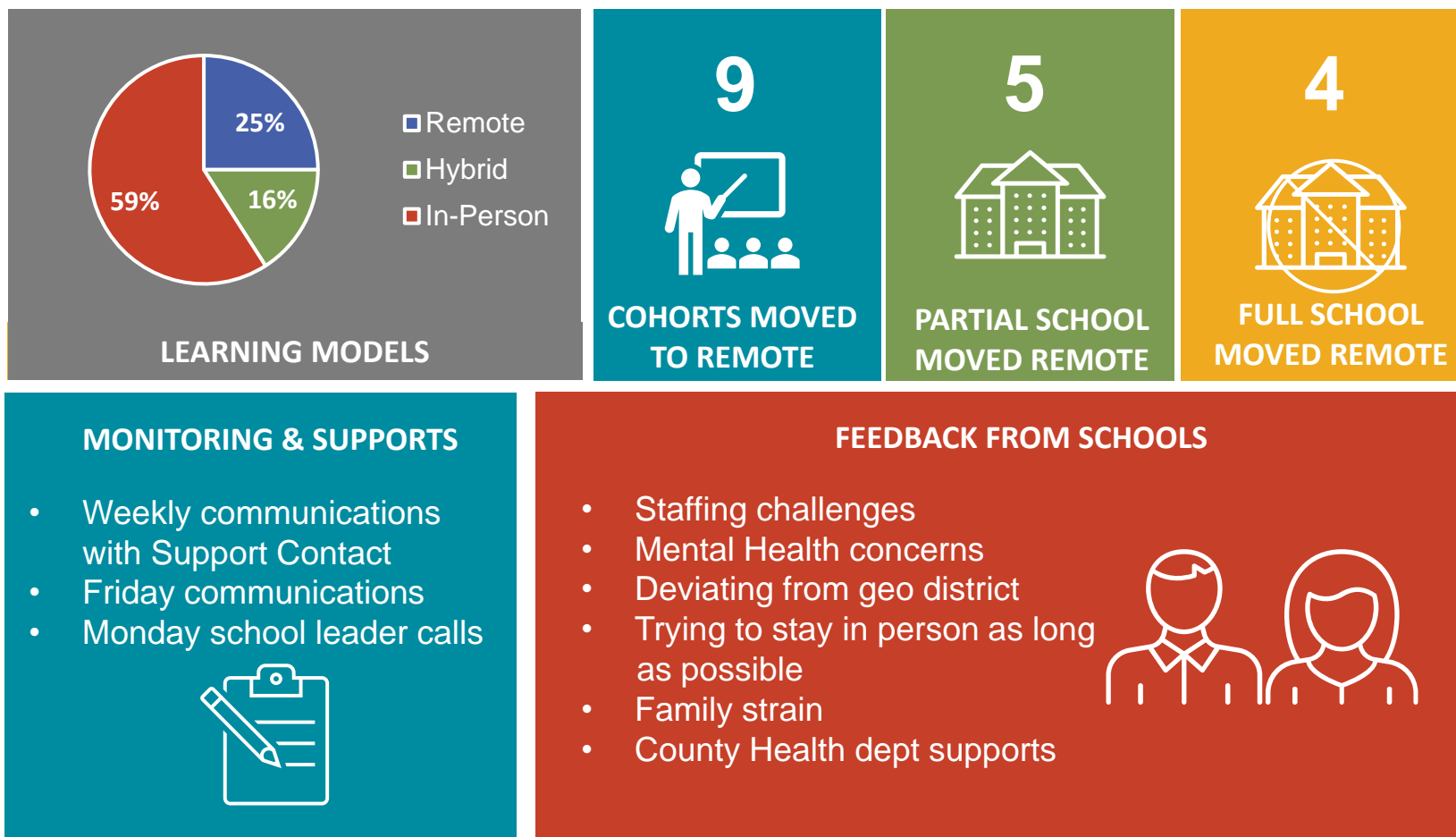
<https://coloradoleague.org/page/policyadvocacy>



Leading through the Pandemic



CSI Monitoring





As a school board member, your role is to:



**Focus
relentlessly on
student
achievement**



**Ensure
exceptional
school leadership**



**Commit to
exemplary
governance**



Act strategically



**Raise and use
resources wisely**



**Maintain legal and
regulatory
compliance**



Poll Question

Which standard(s) of effective board governance feel the most challenging to meet right now?

- Focusing relentlessly on student achievement
- Ensuring exceptional school leadership
- Committing to exemplary governance
- Acting strategically
- Raising and using resources wisely
- Maintaining legal and regulatory compliance



Breakouts

1. What metrics/topics are you having school leadership report to the board on each month?
2. What are the greatest challenges your board is facing as a result of the pandemic and how are you addressing them?

Instructions

- In your breakout, pick the question(s) of greatest interest to your group to discuss.
- A member of CSI will take notes to inform follow up and development future resources.



CSI Governing Board Supports

Resources & Training



CSI Governance Resource Library

Guidance

- School Leader Evaluation
- Open Meetings

Tools

- Board Meeting Compliance Checklist
- Governance Needs Assessment

Samples

- Board Meeting Calendar, Agenda, Minute Templates
- Sample Policy Language

Trainings

Orientation Modules



CSI Orientation Modules for School Board Members



CSI SCHOOL
ACCOUNTABILITY



UNDERSTANDING THE
CSI-SCHOOL
CHARTER CONTRACT

Coming soon!



CSI COMPLIANCE
MONITORING



CSI FINANCIAL
OVERSIGHT

Just released!



CSI SPECIAL
POPULATIONS
OVERSIGHT

<https://resources.csi.state.co.us/orientation-for-new-board-members/>



Save the Dates

Live Webinars

- ~~Tuesday, September 1, 2020~~
- ~~Tuesday, December 1, 2020~~
- Tuesday, March 2, 2021
- Tuesday, June 1, 2021

At least one board member from every CSI school will be required to attend these webinars.

Register here: resources.csi.state.co.us/csi-school-board-training/

School Board To Do List

1.

REVIEW COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAWS

[More details on page 6](#)

2.

REVIEW COMPLIANCE FOR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETINGS

[More details on page 6](#)

3.

CONTINUE ONGOING LEADER REVIEW/FEEDBACK

[School Leader Evaluation Toolkit](#)



Questions?