Media Recap Report: 2021-2022 School Year
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31 Colorado charter schools closed in last decade. Still, school choice demand is peaking.
April 22, 2022 – As Colorado experiences rapid population growth and parents place added value on autonomy and school choice, the number of public charter schools hoping to provide alternatives to district-run neighborhood schools has risen by more than 34 schools in the past five years.

Wondering about Colorado's charter schools? Here are 4 things to know.
April 22, 2022 – Charter school popularity is on the rise in Northern Colorado and across the state. More than 15% of students attend a charter statewide, and about 8% of Poudre School District students are enrolled in one of the district’s five charter schools.

New America School charter board rejects teachers’ union push
April 21, 2022 – Under Colorado law, public schools can choose to recognize employee unions, but they don’t have to. Several dozen Colorado school districts have collective bargaining agreements with teachers and other employee unions.

Effort to form Colorado’s first union for charter teachers rejected by New America board
April 21, 2022 – A group of Denver metro charter school teachers lost their bid to form a union on Wednesday after board members for The New America School system voted against their request for recognition, instead creating a committee to collect complaints.

Weld RE-4 and charter group discussing new K-8 building in RainDance neighborhood
April 16, 2022 – Ruff said based on his ... conversations with the Colorado League of Charter Schools, he’s familiar with school districts giving away "old, closed schools to charters — but that’s way different from giving away a new permit-ready site in a growing neighborhood."

Colorado charter schools seek more authority over special education
March 28, 2022 – “Charter schools have simply not had access to the same legal structures that would allow them to serve greater percentages of students with disabilities,” said Dan Schaller, president of the Colorado League of Charter Schools.

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March 27, 2022 – Colorado charter leaders say they’re willing and able to do better — if they have more authority and resources. They’re backing a bill that would let charter networks and groups of schools assume full legal responsibility for educating students with disabilities, as well as take control over state and federal funding that currently flows to school districts.

Peak to Peak executive director wins state charter school lifetime achievement award
March 6, 2022 – Kelly Reeser was interested in the idea of charter schools as an option for her children when she joined a group of parents in 1998 who were proposing Boulder Valley’s Peak to Peak Charter School. Now, as she plans to retire at the end of the school year, she’s received a lifetime achievement award from the Colorado League of Charter Schools.
More students attend Colorado charter schools, but access still isn’t equal
Feb. 24, 2022 – More Colorado students than ever are enrolled in charter schools, and those students posted higher test scores than those of students in district-run schools during a pandemic-disrupted school year.

Flagstaff Academy teachers named finalists for Educator of the Year

Three Longmont charter school educators are nominated for state awards
Feb. 10, 2022 – Leha Moskoff and Stacy Wolff teach at Flagstaff Charter School and were nominated for the League’s “Educator of the Year” award last week. Joining them is Twin Peaks’ executive director Joseph Mehsling who was nominated for “Leader of the Year.”

Colorado charter school law remains nation’s second best
Jan. 24, 2022 – “National rankings show that eight of the best 10 high schools in Colorado are public charter schools, and that shows what is possible when parents are able to choose from innovative options that best meet their students’ needs,” said Dan Schaller, president of the Colorado League of Charter Schools.

As student learning plummets, charter schools offer a path back to success
Jan. 6, 2022 – Charter schools across Colorado are working to deliver the systemic change that can reverse the negative trends of the past 20 years. Charter schools exist in our state because we know that students benefit when they and their families are given a choice of school options to best meet a student’s individual needs.

More than $1.6 million spent in Denver school board election
Dec. 3, 2021 – Reform organizations spent big to retain representation on the board but were unsuccessful. Independent expenditure committees funded by groups including the Colorado League of Charter Schools and Education Reform Now Advocacy spent just over $1 million.

Loveland Classical’s focus on students and education gets results
Nov. 22, 2021 – Our administration is run by Ian Stout, who was last year named Thompson School District Principal of the Year. He was also nominated as the Colorado Charter School Leader of the Year and was selected for the Colorado League of Charter Schools’ membership council.

School choice is at stake in Aurora school board election
Nov. 1, 2021 – “There’s definitely an ongoing need for new high-quality education options,” said Dan Schaller, the board chair of Colorado League of Charter Schools Action, which is spending more than $100,000 on advertising for school board races this year.

What’s at stake in the Denver school board election two years after a historic shift
Oct. 28, 2021 – Dan Schaller, president of the Colorado League of Charter Schools, said “a lot of the focus of late has been on adult issues and adult politics, and that has all fundamentally distracted from making sure we are providing high-quality public school options to all kids.”
Opinion: Denver students need a new school board
Oct. 26, 2021 – These indicators portend a dramatic acceleration of the existing huge achievement gaps by race and income if a new school board does not take the helm and begin to focus on student needs and learning. We need a new board with a laser eye on students. (Co-authored by League board member Rosemary Rodriguez)

Union and charter groups spending money in Aurora school board races
Oct. 26, 2021 – It’s also the first year the Colorado League of Charter Schools created an independent expenditure committee that is spending money on school board races. In Aurora, the group is supporting Keke and Tomwing, both immigrant moms with charter connections.

Reported spending in the Denver school board election tops $1 million
Oct. 25, 2021 – One of the committees, Students Deserve Better, is funded by Colorado teachers unions. The other four — Raising Colorado; Parents for Great Schools; CLCS Action; and Denver Students, Families, and Teachers United for Excellent Schools — are funded by local and national organizations supportive of education reform.

Teacher unions, charter school activists spenders in Aurora area school board races
Oct. 22, 2021 – Raising Colorado is funded by a group of state and national charter school advocates and other education reform groups: the Colorado League of Charter Schools, Education Reform Now, Parents for Great Schools and Ten Collective Impact. Tomwing also received $5,000 directly from the Colorado League of Charter Schools.

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Oct. 17, 2021 – Kaci Coats, director of exceptional student services for the Colorado League of Charter Schools, has worked with schools to improve how they serve students with special needs for more than a decade. “Most schools are trying to serve this population and are very open to doing this work,” she said.

Colorado charter schools face complaint over special education application questions
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Opinion: This Colorado charter school is one of the best
Sept. 18, 2021 – Since the start of the pandemic, charter school enrollment has increased by 3.8% while enrollment in traditional public schools decreased by 4.6% according to the Colorado League of Charter Schools.