DENVER, Colo. (Nov. 15, 2019) – The Colorado League of Charter Schools announced today the first Quality, Choice and Equity (QCE) Teacher Award highlighting dedicated teachers who are increasing quality education for their students, or using innovative practices to support choice or equity in their school community. Starting this month, this award will be presented to educators and school leaders throughout the state who have gone above and beyond in providing a high-quality education to Colorado charter schools. The League supports all the charter school teachers at the 262 schools across the state and their commitment to excellence for their students.

The Colorado League of Charter Schools is proud to celebrate Erin Wahler-Cleveland as the first recipient of the QCE Teacher Award. A founding Atlas Preparatory School teacher now in her 11th year at Atlas, Erin has worked with the scholars of Southeast Colorado Springs as an ELA teacher, a math teacher, assistant principal and principal. Prior to joining Atlas, Erin taught fifth grade for four years as a Teach for America corps member in 2005.

Erin was chosen for her dedication to providing quality and supportive learning environments that motivate her students to achieve success beyond the classroom. The roots of Erin’s leadership ability run deep. She possesses relentless drive towards excellence and has a collaborative and mindful work ethic, and a vision that all students can succeed no matter the circumstances. Erin has also led her students to, on average, an impressive 90% growth rate over the past few years on the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment.

“Having the freedom to teach students how they learn best and seeing them thrive in a supportive setting has been incredibly rewarding,” said Wahler-Cleveland. “Over the past 15 years of my career, I’ve witnessed firsthand how important proper student assessment combined with a healthy teacher culture can be for the success of an organization. I truly believe that the team you work with each day is the most important aspect of success and I’m proud to be part of the Atlas team of educators.”

Each month, the Colorado League of Charter Schools will recognize one charter school teacher who is deserving of recognition for the outstanding work they do for their students and school community. The League chooses this teacher through a competitive nomination process and winners are selected by a panel of League staff. To learn more about the QCE Teacher Award or to nominate an inspirational teacher, visit https://coloradoleague.org/page/TeacherPage2019-20.

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About the Colorado League of Charter Schools
The Colorado League of Charter Schools (The League) is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to supporting charter schools in Colorado. The League is committed to helping these schools reach higher levels of student performance and overall success by providing information and resources, including technical support, advocacy, public relations assistance, professional development and much more. The League’s mission: to improve student achievement by supporting Colorado’s charter schools, positively reshaping the public-school landscape, and advancing opportunities for innovation and expanded high quality public-school choice.