

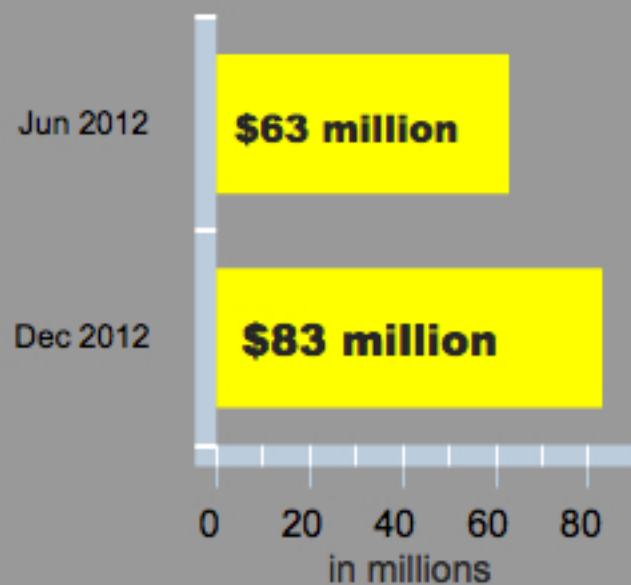
RESTORE OUR SCHOOLS

Douglas County School District did not need to cut middle and high school budgets this year – it is time to restore school budgets for the 2013-14 school year.



In June 2012, DCSD projected a \$63 million* General Fund Balance. In December 2012, DCSD learned through its audit there was actually \$83 million.**

That's \$20 million dollars in unplanned growth in revenues in excess of expenditures!



Top 5 Reasons for Restoring Our Middle and High Schools' Budgets:

- 1** The new high school schedule provides less instructional time for students and less access time to their teachers.
- 2** Under the new high school schedule, many students attend school for half-days two days a week.
- 3** The \$4.1 million in cuts to DCSD schools could have easily been prevented if the District had managed its budget.
- 4** The District's fund balance (revenues in excess of expenditures) has more than quadrupled over the past 4 years.
- 5** Attracting and retaining teachers will only become more difficult as teachers are required to teach more classes for less money than teachers in neighboring districts.

Douglas County Students Deserve Strong Schools.

Sources:

*DCSD 2012-13 Financial Plan and Budget Book adopted June 19, 2012 provides the projected General Fund balance amount of \$63 million on page 9.

**DCSD 2012 CAFR states the actual General Fund balance amount of \$100 million. For historical and comparison purpose, the Capital Projects Fund Balance of \$17 million is removed from the \$100 million, resulting in a General Fund Balance of \$83 million. Page 34 of the CAFR provides this detail.



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