



**Strong Schools Coalition**  
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# 3 Steps to Positively Impact the Public Schools in Douglas County.



1) Improve DCSD's transparency and accountability.



2) Bridge the communication gap between the community and those closest to the schools –parents, students and employees.



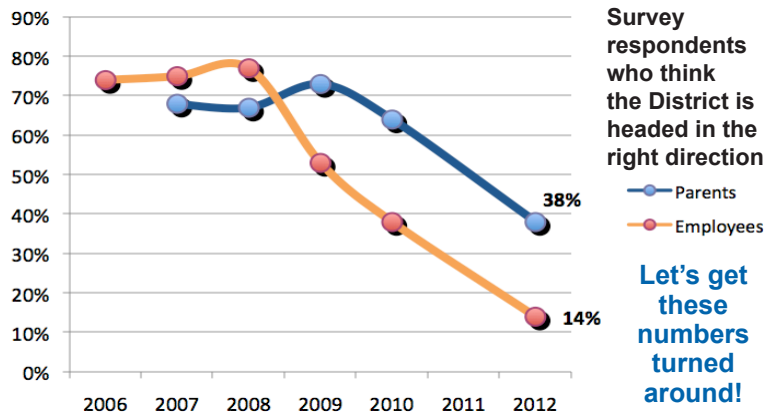
3) Be a Voice for our students, parents, employees, and community members.

The **Strong Schools Coalition** is a voluntary, nonpartisan organization composed of parents, students, teachers and community members who have a stake in the success and performance of the Douglas County School District. The Coalition works to **inform** and **engage** the community to positively **impact** the public schools in Douglas County.

**Together, we're stronger.**

## Our Schools Need Our Help

According to the most recent Douglas County School District Parent and Employee Surveys conducted by independent organizations, only 38% of parents and 14% of employees believe the District is headed in a positive direction.



## Why should I care?

DCSD lost the highest CDE rating of "Accredited with Distinction" in 2010 and is now "Accredited".

We need strong schools which result in:

- Prepared **students**
- Increased **property values**
- Improved **economic development** opportunities
- Improved overall **quality of life**

## What can I do?



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