

WEEKLY UPDATE FOR JUNE 10, 2013

Strong Schools Coalition



The Strong Schools Coalition works to **inform** and **engage** the community to positively **impact** the public schools in Douglas County.

DCSD NEWS FROM THE WEEK

[Valuing physics over P.E., Colorado schools test novel pay scale](#) – 6/10/13
chicoer.com

A wealthy school district in Colorado is launching a radical experiment...

[Targeting Douglas County teachers \(5 letters\)](#) – 6/9/13 -- denverpost.com

Re: "Douglco schools' market-based teacher salary plan," June 1 letters to the editor.

Re: "Disparities in Douglas County schools teacher evaluations draw fire," June 3 news story.

[Getting teacher pay plan right in Douglas County \(3 letters\)](#) – 6/7/13
denverpost.com

Re: "Disparities in Douglas County schools teacher evaluations draw fire," June 3 news story.

Re: "Douglco teacher plan innovative," June 5 editorial.

[Departing teachers speak out](#) – 6/6/13 -- ourcoloradonews.com

Some teachers trace it back to the 2009 election of four Republican Party-backed current school board members — which they say began a sea change in Douglas County School District operations; others to the failed summer 2012 negotiations between the district and teachers' union. But all departing teachers who spoke about their reasons for leaving point to changes initiated by the district's current board and administration.

[Dougco teacher plan innovative](#) – 6/5/13 -- denverpost.com

EDITORIAL: The school system's ideas on teacher salaries may not be perfect, but they are on the right track.

[School board responds to evaluation concerns](#) – 6/5/13
ourcoloradonews.com

Despite the controversy and protests sparked by the Douglas County School District's new teacher evaluations, board president John Carson doesn't believe the program is intrinsically flawed.

[Voices: Reflections from a Douglco parent](#) – 6/4/13 -- ednewscolorado.org

The parent of a recent graduate from Douglas County's schools, Karen McGraw, argues that the district's schools have changed for the worse since her children started school.

[Alternative-school grads amazed, grateful](#) – 6/3/13 -- ourcoloradonews.com

Most of the 32 students who graduated from Daniel C. Oakes High School May 30 offered a shared sentiment: Amazement and gratitude that they were standing at the lectern on graduation day.



Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, June 11

District Accountability Committee meeting

TIME: 6:30 PM

LOCATION: DCSD Admin Building,
Board Room 3rd Floor, 620 Wilcox
Street, Castle Rock

Tuesday, June 18

Board of Education meeting

TIME: 5:00 PM

LOCATION: DCSD Admin Building,
Board Room 3rd Floor, 620 Wilcox
Street, Castle Rock

Enjoy your Summer!

*Our Weekly Updates
will be on a summer
schedule and will be
released less
frequently.*

*Our volunteers are on
summer mode -- enjoy
your family time!*

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