

WEEKLY UPDATE FOR AUGUST 26, 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

### [Group's ad campaign backs school changes](#) – 8/23/13

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The Colorado chapter of Americans for Prosperity – whose controversial parent organization has strong ties to right-wing causes – launched an ad campaign Aug. 21 in support of Douglas County School District's education reforms.

### [Middle school students design app](#) – 8/23/13

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Ranch View Middle School students Konstantin Zaremski and Neil Trotter's favorite overnight pastime isn't watching horror movies, eating junk food or even playing video games. The 13-year-olds stay up into the wee hours writing computer code.

### [TCAP scores not as bright after correction](#) – 8/22/13

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The Douglas County School District's 2013 Transitional Colorado Assessment Program (TCAP) scores aren't as bright as school officials initially thought, a mistake attributed to an incomplete analysis of data.

### [Petition decries politics in school elections](#) – 8/22/13

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A grassroots group is gathering electronic signatures on a petition aimed at limiting the role of politics in the Douglas County School Board race, and urging elected officials to listen to some community members' concerns.

### [Chess gains fans in Douglas schools](#) – 8/20/13

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Lior Lapid believes in the power of chess. More than just a game, Lapid said, it's a nontraditional way to teach kids critical thinking and math skills.



## Mark Your Calendar

### September 3, 2013

#### Board of Education Meeting

**TIME:** 5:00 PM

**LOCATION:** DCSD Admin Building - Board Room, 3rd Floor, 620 Wilcox St., Castle Rock

### September 4, 2013

#### Long Range Planning Committee Meeting

**TIME:** 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**LOCATION:** DCSD Admin Building - Board Room 3rd Floor, 620 Wilcox St., Castle Rock

### September 5, 2013

#### Fiscal Oversight Committee Meeting

**TIME:** 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

**LOCATION:** West Support Center, 701 Prairie Hawk Drive, Castle Rock



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