

WEEKLY UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

# Strong Schools Coalition



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



## Mark Your Calendar

**Note: The Board Meeting scheduled for September 17, 2013 has been canceled.**

### DCSD NEWS FROM THE WEEK

[YOUR VOICE: Douglas County School Board](#) – 9/12/13

[yourhub.denverpost.com](http://yourhub.denverpost.com)

I always assumed a school district and Board of Education (BOE) had the very best intentions for my children. I moved into the Douglas County School District (DCSD) for that very reason.

[Three Douglas County high schools on 'best' list](#) – 9/12/13

[ourcoloradonews.com](http://ourcoloradonews.com)

Three Douglas County School District high schools appear on 5280 magazine's list of best Front Range public high schools. Highlands Ranch, Mountain Vista and Rock Canyon high schools made The Dean's List, which based the rankings on data included in the Colorado Growth Model.

[DCSD candidate well-versed in challenges](#) – 9/12/13

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James Geddes is no stranger to controversy. The District B candidate for the Douglas County School Board is a University of Colorado Regent who is pushing for change among the university's staff and in the definition of discrimination.

[Stars 4 Douglas County supports school art programs](#) – 9/11/13

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Look for those stars!

In 2012, Castle View High School art teacher Julie Holladay gathered like-minded artists and started a nonprofit organization called Stars 4 Castle Rock.

[Struggling online charter school fights for a lower accountability bar](#) – 9/11/13

[ednewscolorado.org](http://ednewscolorado.org)

The State Board of Education has denied a struggling online charter school's attempt to be judged using a lower bar for student performance and progress.

## September 25, 2013

**Strong Schools Coalition Parent Forum**

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

**LOCATION:** Highlands Ranch Library, 9292 S Ridgeline Blvd., Highlands Ranch 80129

[Invitation](#)

## September 26, 2013

**Amendment 66: State Funding for Education Hosted by the League of Women Voters**

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Highlands Ranch Library, 9292 S Ridgeline Blvd., Highlands Ranch 80129

## 2013 Election

**Board of Education Candidate Forums**

## September 26, 2013

**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Wind Crest Retirement Community, 3235 Mill Vista Road, Highlands Ranch

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