

WEEKLY UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 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

[Candidate wants to re-engage public](#) — 9/20/13

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Former Douglas County School District Human Resources Director Bill Hodges wants to serve the district again, this time as a school-board member.

[School Reform on Conference Agenda](#) — 9/20/13

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An annual conference for a national free-market think tank next week includes a session on Douglas County's education reform controversy, linking high-powered, conservative groups to controversial school-district changes.

[The Strong Schools Coalition to hold parent forum](#) — 9/19/13

denverpost.com

The Strong Schools Coalition is hosting a parent-led forum Sept. 25 so Douglas County officials, school board members and school board candidates can hear what parents have to say about the Douglas County School District before endorsing candidates.

[Pirates prompt high school lockout](#) — 9/19/13

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The sighting of a crew of suspiciously attired individuals — one bearing a machete — prompted a lockout at Highlands Ranch High School Sept. 19. It was lifted about 15 minutes later when sheriff's deputies learned the machete was plastic, and the suspects were teens decked out for International Talk Like a Pirate Day.

[School board member says work remains](#) — 9/18/13

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Disagreements aside, Doug Benevento finds serving on the Douglas County School Board gratifying — so much so he'd like to do it another four years.

[School district convoy brings stranded students home](#) — 9/17/13

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If someone wondered about a caravan of 15 white Chevy Suburbans, two small buses and a service truck, led by a Douglas County sheriff's car, leaving the Parker area the afternoon of Sept. 13 — it was just a school principal and school district personnel trying to get their kids back.

[Think tank helps fund school-board backers](#) — 9/17/13

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DougCo Champions for Kids, a pro-Douglas County School Board community group, is getting financial help from the high-profile Independence Institute think tank in the lead-up to the November elections.

Deadline Extended to September 26, 2013 for DAC Applications

The DAC is seeking applicants to fill one parent and one community member vacancy, as well as one newly created middle school teacher position. The application process closes on Thursday, September 26, 2013. If you have questions please contact Dorinda Hedin at 303-387-0099. Thank you very much for your time and interest in this process.



Mark Your Calendar

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

****Please contact Wind Crest regarding seating availability for non-Wind Crest residents****

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