

WEEKLY UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 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

### 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 5, 2013

**Fiscal Oversight Committee Meeting**

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

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

**Deadline:**

### September 15, 2013

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 **Sunday, September 15, 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.

## DCSD NEWS FROM THE WEEK

September 2013

[Douglas County teachers union to challenge evaluation system](#) — 9/2/13

denverpost.com

Douglas County could be the first school district in Colorado to face a review of its teacher evaluation system under the appeals process of a new educator effectiveness law.

August 2013

[Castle View students working to help their peers](#) —8/31/13

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Less than 1 percent of Douglas County students drop out of school each year, but six Castle View High School students aim to drop that figure lower still.

[Letter: My "race" to understand](#) —8/29/13

yourhub.denverpost.com

I have a first grader. With all the uproar in Douglas County around education and the Board of Education, my husband asked me, "what exactly are the issues and what is going wrong"? I volunteered regularly in my daughter's kindergarten class last year and sadly discovered desk activities, structured writing, reading assigned books, focus on penmanship, a rush to finish worksheets, and recess only on a good day because, "they have so much to learn". I watched my daughter's curiosity and desire to read decline, and tummy aches increase.

[School district's voucher program parallels national effort](#) — 8/28/13

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Douglas County Schools' effort to overhaul the district is in sync with proposals put forth by a conservative, national political organization that many believe advances an education-privatization agenda.



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