

WEEKLY UPDATE FOR OCTOBER 21, 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

November 5, 2013

Board of Education Meeting

TIME: 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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

2013 Election

Board of Education

On October 15, ballots were mailed to active registered voters in Douglas County for the November 5 election. If an active voter has not received a ballot by Tues., Oct. 22, they may request a replacement ballot by contacting the Elections Division until Tues., Oct. 28. After Oct. 28 voters must visit one of the [Voter Service and Polling Centers](#) to obtain a ballot or replacement ballot.

*Registration is open to all new Colorado citizens who have resided in Colorado for at least 22 days prior to Election Day.

*Inactive voters must update their voter registration in order to receive a ballot.

*The last day to register to vote or update information on-line is Tues., October 28.

DCSD NEWS FROM THE WEEK

[Should Douglas County voters retain current school board? \(6 letters\)](#) — 10/20/13 denverpost.com

Re: "Retain innovation in Douglas County schools," Oct. 14 editorial endorsement.

[Parental discontent in Dougco school district](#) — 10/20/13 denverpost.com

GUEST COMMENTARY: by Laura Mutton. There is one statement in the Denver Post's endorsement of the incumbent Dougco school board slate with which parents will agree: The stakes are high in this school board election.

[Douglas County School Board candidate: Current board is failing us](#) — 10/20/13 denverpost.com

COLUMN: by Bill Hodges. The facts do not support the claim that all is well in the Douglas County School District.

[Douglas County School Board candidate: Our schools are better off now](#) — 10/20/13

OPINION: by Doug Benevento. My opponent has a difficult task: to try and convince voters in Douglas County that they are not better off now than four years ago.

[Big issues at stake in school board election](#) — 10/19/13 ourcoloradonews.com

The Douglas County School District is in the midst of what Superintendent Elizabeth Fagen recently called "the most rigorous transformation plan in American public education."

[School foundation's nonprofit status questioned](#) — 10/18/13 ourcoloradonews.com

A Douglas County parent filed a complaint with the Internal Revenue Service Oct. 14 alleging improper activity by the Douglas County Educational Foundation.

[The issues: Political factors loom large](#) — 10/18/13 ourcoloradonews.com

School boards and school board elections are intended to be nonpartisan, but in Douglas County, politics is tightly woven into the board race.

[The issues: Changes rankle some teachers](#) — 10/18/13 ourcoloradonews.com

While some Douglas County School District teachers have publicly said they embrace recently introduced district-level changes, many have expressed frustration and anger to the school board.

[The issues: Classroom impact stirs debate](#) — 10/17/13 ourcoloradonews.com

High school students saw the greatest impact of classroom-level changes implemented by the current Douglas County School Board.

[School board candidates weigh in on union discussions](#) — 10/17/13 ourcoloradonews.com

Colorado Community Media asked the eight school board candidates if they would be willing to resume any discussions with the Douglas County Federation of Teachers.

[Q&As with candidates for Douglas County School Board](#) — 10/17/13 ourcoloradonews.com

Colorado Community Media asked three identical questions of the eight candidates seeking four spots on the Douglas County School Board. Below are their answers.

[Campaign funds tell different stories in school board race](#) — 10/16/13

ourcoloradonews.com

Recently reported campaign contributions show a stark contrast in the Douglas County School Board race — both in the total amount of money raised and where the funds came from.

[Voters will decide future direction of Douglas County Schools](#) — 10/16/13 9news.com

CASTLE ROCK — For years, a vocal group of parents has spoken out against the conservative reforms put forth by the Douglas County School Board. Now, this is their chance to win the majority of the board — or lose out to a mandate of the people.

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