

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

[Parents' rally brings in national speakers](#) — 10/7/13 ourcoloradonews.com

A pair of education experts who spoke during an Oct. 5 rally said the term "education reform" has changed in recent years.

[Grinches disrupt park gathering](#) — 10/7/13 ourcoloradonews.com

Douglas County sheriff's deputies escorted about half a dozen protestors dressed as Grinches out of Highlands Ranch's Civic Green Park after they disrupted an Oct. 5 parent-initiated rally.

[DougCo candidates debate merit-based pay, morale](#) — 10/4/13 ednewscolorado.org

A clear split emerged between candidates at Thursday night's Douglas County school board race debate between candidates who supported current board actions and those who would like to see the pace of change slowed.

[School board takes stand against ballot issue](#) — 10/3/13 ourcoloradonews.com

Going against the grain of other Colorado school districts that support Amendment 66, the Douglas County School Board took a public stand against the measure during their Oct. 1 meeting. The board formally adopted a resolution opposing the issue that will appear on the Nov. 5 ballot.

[Your Voice: Mama bear takes a stand against DCSD BOE](#) — 10/3/13

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My Facebook friends must be sick of me. Well, perhaps not "me," but of the continual posts I share regarding the upcoming school board elections here in Douglas County. Those who know me recognize that I am not usually a political person. I detest partisan politics and loathe ugly political campaigns. When campaigns get ugly, as I feel this one has on the part of the current school board and their incumbents, I usually just stop listening.

[Douglas County School Board Candidate Forum Oct. 14](#) — 10/3/13

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The League of Women Voters will sponsor a candidate forum for all eight candidates running for positions on the Douglas County School Board Monday, October 14, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Eastridge Community Center, 9568 S. University Blvd. in Highlands Ranch.

[ThunderRidge H.S. in Highlands Ranch debuts new digital library](#) — 10/3/13

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Not wanting their kids to fall behind their cohorts in their future workplaces, ThunderRidge High School parents and principal Carole Jennings got behind the idea of renovating the roughly 5,000-square-foot library into a digital learning center.

[Douglas County School District announces 16 National Merit Semifinalists](#) — 10/3/13

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CASTLE ROCK – Douglas County School District is pleased to announce the names of 16 National Merit Semifinalists.

[Education tax plan debated](#) — 10/2/13 ourcoloradonews.com

Opponents call it the biggest income tax increase of our time, and say it's a disproportionately designed, untested proposal. Proponents say Amendment 66 exacts a minimal fee that in the long run will translate into an improved economic scenario for all. September 2013

[Radio show cut ignites candidate controversy](#) — 9/30/13

ourcoloradonews.com

Supporters of the current Douglas County School Board and a conservative radio talk show host accuse candidate Ronda Scholting of doctoring an audio for a campaign ad. Scholting, a former broadcast journalist, said the edited clip is in context with the original conversation and called the criticism a distraction tactic.



Mark Your Calendar

October 10, 2013

Fiscal Oversight Committee Meeting

TIME: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: West Support Center, Telluride Conference Rooms, 701 Prairie Hawk Drive, Castle Rock 80109

October 15, 2013

Board of Education Meeting

TIME: 5:00 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.

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

2013 Election

Board of Education Candidate Forums

October 9, 2013

Student Led Candidate Forum

TIME: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Mountain Vista High School Auditorium, 10585 Mountain Vista Ridge, Highlands Ranch 80126

October 14, 2013

League of Women Voters-sponsored DCSD Candidate Forum

TIME: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Eastridge Community Center, 9568 S University Blvd., Highlands Ranch 80126

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