

WEEKLY UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER 11, 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

[Supporters reflect on defeat of candidates](#) — 11/11/13

ourcoloradonews.com

Community members who rallied for the four challenger candidates during the Nov. 5 school-board election are pondering what went wrong and what lies ahead.

[School reformers set to forge ahead in Douglas County, Denver](#) — 11/6/13

denverpost.com

The Douglas County school board, unscathed after a contentious election that will keep reformers in the majority for the next four years, is already talking about new initiatives.

[Douglas County School District RE1 2013 Election Results](#) — 11/6/13

data.denverpost.com

[Latest Colorado election results: Amendments 66 and AA, 51st State, Fracking, DougCo schools](#) — 11/6/13 -- 9news.com

KUSA – Coloradans voted on questions about marijuana, fracking, and taxes at municipalities across the state on Election Day.

[Colorado Education-Tax Measure Fails](#) — 11/6/13 -- online.wsj.com

A ballot measure to raise income taxes to fund education in Colorado failed by a wide margin Tuesday, two years after state voters rejected a similar plan to increase taxes for schools.

[Colorado school boards shift toward reform](#) — 11/6/13 -- denverpost.com

Voters swept reform-minded school board candidates into all open seats in closely watched Front Range races in Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties and Thompson Valley schools.

[Douglas County school board: Incumbents holding on to seats](#) — 11/5/13

denverpost.com

Douglas County voters Tuesday were supporting the current direction of the school district, with four candidates who want to continue the reforms begun in 2009 out in front.

[Reform slate takes Douglas County School Board race](#) — 11/5/13

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Candidates favoring the current direction of the reform-oriented Douglas County School Board won all four races, after months of heated electioneering on both sides.

[Douglas County School Board results](#) — 11/5/13

kivr.com

DOUGLAS COUNTY, Colo. — After a conservative board majority elected in 2009 has pushed a bold agenda that includes the nation's first suburban voucher program and effectively crippled the teachers' union in the district, an up-swell of anger from parents and the union itself has helped turn races for four board seats into the wildest school board contest in the country.



## Mark Your Calendar

**Tuesday, November 12**

**District Accountability Committee**

**TIME:** 6:30 PM

**LOCATION:** DCSD Admin Building, Board Room 3rd Floor, 620 Wilcox Street, Castle Rock

[AGENDA \(CLICK HERE\)](#)

**Tuesday, November 19**

**Board of Education Meeting**

**TIME:** 5:00 PM

**LOCATION:** DCSD Admin Building, Board Room 3rd Floor, 620 Wilcox Street, Castle Rock

**Tuesday, December 3**

**Board of Education Meeting**

**TIME:** 5:00 PM

**LOCATION:** DCSD Admin Building, Board Room 3rd Floor, 620 Wilcox Street, Castle Rock

### **NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF EDUCATION DIRECTORS:**

**District B: Jim Geddes**

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