

WEEKLY UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER 4, 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

[Jeb Bush donates to pro-reform candidates](#) — 11/4/13 ourcoloradonews.com

The second wave of campaign finance filings in the Douglas County School Board race, released Nov. 1, shows another national supporter in the mix.

[Financial backers widen reach in support of vouchers, school choice](#) — 11/4/13 denverpost.com

Financial backers who want school districts to adopt the anti-union, pro-voucher and school-choice model set by Douglas County have fanned out to other parts of Colorado, donating to candidates who are promising similar results.

[Country's biggest school board race to be decided Tuesday in Douglas County](#) — 11/3/13 kdvr.com

CENTENNIAL, Colo. — For most Coloradans used to the biennial barrage of television ads, phone calls and door-knocking canvassers with armfuls of door-hanger leaflets, this fall has been a welcome break from the incessant political noise. Except in Douglas County.

[Bloomberg, Jeb Bush among donors to Denver, Douglas school races](#) — 11/3/13 denverpost.com

National donors, including New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, are contributing to the state's high-dollar school board races in Denver and Douglas County.

[Jeb Bush donates to 4 Douglas County school board candidates](#) — 11/2/13 denverpost.com

Former Florida governor and potential 2016 presidential candidate Jeb Bush has jumped into the Douglas County School Board race, donating to four conservative candidates and publicly backing the district's voucher efforts and market-based pay system.

[Koch group, unions battle over Colorado schools race](#) — 11/2/13 politico.com

It isn't often that the Koch brothers' political advocacy group gets involved in a local school board race.

[Decreased graduation requirements at issue](#) — 11/1/13 ourcoloradonews.com

Changes to the district's high school graduation requirements have prompted finger-pointing among candidates for the Douglas County School Board — part of a broader discussion about recent policy changes and their impact on local teens.

[Colo. School Board Race Shapes Up to Be Divisive](#) — 10/30/13 edweek.org

When voters in Douglas County, Colo., head to the polls next week to fill the four seats available on the district's school board, they will be registering their collective opinion on both what they want their schools to look like in the future and how satisfied they are with the district's high-profile policy changes of the past four years.

[Colorado governor candidate redirects volunteers to Douglas County races](#) — 10/29/13 9news.com

KUSA-Republican gubernatorial candidate and current Colorado Secretary of State Scott Gessler is wading into a local school board election.

[Gessler jumps into school-board fray](#) — 10/29/13 ourcoloradonews.com

In what one political analyst called a tactic to garner support for his gubernatorial race, Scott Gessler, Colorado's Republican Secretary of State, announced Oct. 29 that he temporarily will focus on Douglas County's school board elections.

[County prepares for Election Day](#) — 10/29/13 ourcoloradonews.com

As of Oct. 25, more than 34,000 ballots had already been returned in Douglas County for the 2013 election that will decide four school-board seats and help determine the outcome of two state ballot measures.



## Mark Your Calendar

**November 5, 2013**

Board of Education Meeting

**CANCELED**

**November 5, 2013**

Election Day

## 2013 Election

Board of Education

As of Tuesday, October 29, 2013, Douglas County voters must visit a Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC) in order to obtain a ballot. Ballots will no longer be mailed to voters and must be obtained in person. Click the following link to find one of Douglas County's five VSPCs dedicated to serving your election needs.

[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.

Ballots must be in the Elections office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day

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