

WEEKLY UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 9, 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

[Three Douglas County seniors ace ACT](#) -- 12/9/13

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Three Douglas County School District seniors scored a perfect 36 on their ACTs. The national college admissions test typically is taken in April, during a student's junior year.

[DougCo Schools administrator resigns following CALL7 investigation of Sam's Club memberships](#) -- 12/9/13

thedenverchannel.com

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. - The director of the Douglas County School District's Transportation Department resigned following a CALL7 Investigation into his department's spending.

[The last word on Douglas County election money](#) — 12/6/13

ednewscolorado.org

The winning Douglas County school board candidates raised and spent nearly three times as much money on the election as their opponents, according to final campaign finance filings reported on Thursday.

[Douglas County School Board leadership changes as new members step in](#) — 12/4/13

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The Douglas County School Board swore in four recently elected members, said goodbye to two departing ones and appointed a new president and vice president during its Dec. 3 meeting.

[Teachers union president resigns](#) — 12/4/13

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Douglas County Federation President Brenda Smith is resigning after leading the local teachers union for seven years, the last two of which were rocked with tumult when the group's long-standing relationship with the school district crumbled.

[Jeffco school board president: We're not Dougco](#) — 12/4/13

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Ken Witt knew there were a lot of questions and concerns going on inside the minds of attendees of a Nov. 21 Jefferson County school board meeting, a little more than two weeks removed from an election that swept conservatives like himself into power.

[Hearing reveals actions before school election](#) — 12/3/13

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A seven-hour state-level hearing Dec. 2 revealed details about the collaboration between the Douglas County School District and consultants hired to write papers on the alleged success of its reform efforts.



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December 10, 2013

District Accountability Committee Meeting

TIME: 6:30 PM

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

December 11, 2013

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting

TIME: 7:00 PM

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

December 12, 2013

Board of Education Meeting

TIME: 5:00 PM

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

[Agenda](#)

The December 2013 **Fiscal Oversight Committee** meeting will be a joint meeting with the Board of Education, **December 12, 2013, 7:00 p.m.** at the Wilcox Administration Building
[Agenda](#)

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