

WEEKLY UPDATE FOR JANUARY 28, 2014

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

[Dougco parents, board express concern on "testing madness"](#) — 1/27/13

co.chalkbeat.org

Douglas County school officials met with parents on Friday to describe an educational landscape choked by tests and shed some light on why its board of directors' has decided to attempt an opt out mechanism for state and federal testing mandates.

[Caldwell: Two new school boards' mysterious agendas](#) — 1/25/13

denverpost.com

OPINION: So many people showed up for a school board meeting in Loveland last month they had to sit on the floor and stand along the walls. Many of the roughly 400 people in attendance were angry, upset and wanted answers.

[School district debates appeal in campaign act ruling](#) — 1/22/13

lonetreevoice.net

Contrary to a late-December news release, Douglas County School Board President Kevin Larsen said the board hasn't decided if it will appeal a recent court ruling against the district. Critics of the Douglas County School District who spoke during the Jan. 21 board meeting are hoping it lets the ruling stand.

[Douglas schools seek to opt out of federal, state standardized testing](#) — 1/22/13

denverpost.com

The Douglas County School Board, the teachers union and school administrators don't usually agree. But they do agree on one thing — there is too much U.S.- and state-mandated standardize testing, and it is adversely affecting students.

[Douglas County School District tackles "testing madness"](#) — 1/22/13

denverpost.com

Kallie Leyba left teaching at Acres Green Elementary last year in part because the state of testing in modern classrooms has resulted in "borderline educational malpractice."



Mark Your Calendar

January 30, 2014

Assessment Meeting

TIME: 6:15 to 7:45 PM

LOCATION: Northridge Elementary School, 555 Southpark Rd., Highlands Ranch 80126

January 31, 2014

Assessment Meeting

TIME: 6:15 to 7:45 PM

LOCATION: Sagewood Middle School Commons, 4725 Fox Sparrow Road, Parker 80134

February 4, 2014

Board of Education Meeting

TIME: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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

Important Date(s):

January 31, 2014

Deadline for SACs to [Submit Funding Priorities](#)

February 21, 2014

Deadline for Application for School Board Director in District F Application

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