

WEEKLY UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 17, 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

[Community holds prayer vigil after teen suicides in Douglas County](#) – 2/14/14 (kdvr.com)

Jim Hooley has more in his video report. The Douglas County School District sent a letter home to parents of students about the topic.

[Carroll: Douglas County's dubious mutiny over Colorado school testing](#) – 2/14/14 (denverpost.com)

Opinion: If someone had predicted a few years ago that Douglas County would emerge as the center of backlash against Colorado's system of annual standardized testing, you'd have scoffed — and maybe offered a primer on education politics.

[DougCo authorities increasing patrols around schools after threats](#) – 2/14/14 (denverpost.com)

Douglas County and Castle Rock authorities are increasing patrols around area schools after multiple rumors of threats have been reported throughout the week.

[Rumored threats lead to increased patrols at schools](#) – 2/13/14 (Castlerocknewspress.net)

Law enforcement officials say there is no imminent danger, but patrols are being increased at three local schools in response to rumored threats.

[School board transparency bill moves forward](#) – 2/13/14 (castlerocknewspress.com)

A contentious House floor debate preceded the Feb. 13 passage of a bill that aims to shine a light on school board members' private discussions.

[Family hopes child's suicide opens dialogue](#) – 2/13/14 (9NEWS.com)

The Douglas County School District recently sent a letter to parents asking them to look for warning signs. Laraia said she and Ashley were close, and ...

[Lawmakers debate delaying new standardized tests set for 2014-2015 school year](#) – 2/12/14 (The Denver Channel)

[Conservatives control future of Jeffco Schools](#) — 2/12/14 (9news.com)

KUSA – Amidst the loud crowd upset at the new conservative school board majority in Jefferson County is a quiet group of parents like Sunny Flynn.

[School safety: It takes a team](#) — 2/12/14 (highlandsranchherald.net)

News of the Dec. 13 Arapahoe High School shooting hit former Rock Canyon High School guidance counselor Susan Young hard.

[4 teen suicides in 11 days in Douglas County force officials into action](#) – 2/11/14 (kdvr.com)

A Douglas County teen committed suicide Tuesday night, the fourth teen to do so in 11 days in the county.

[Two student suicides at Douglas County High School; Parents asked to talk to their kids](#) — 2/11/14 (thedenverchannel.com)

Students at Douglas County High School are dealing with the suicides of two of their classmates in nine days.



## Mark Your Calendar

### February 18, 2014

**Board of Education Meeting**

**TIME:** 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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

### Important Date(s):

### February 21, 2014

**Deadline for Application for School Board Director in District F** ([map](#))

[Click here to access application](#)

Contact: [Nona Eichelberger](#), Secretary, Board of Education

Phone: 303-387-0258

### Featured Video:

**District Accountability Committee Winter Forum held on February 11, 2014 at Legacy Point Elementary School:**



[Click here to access an 8-minute video of parent feedback to the District in response to the DCSD Strategic Plan.](#)

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