



3A/3B Information

Douglas County voters have the opportunity to approve two questions on the November 2008 ballot to maintain and improve our public education system.

3A \$17 million budget question to increase the district's operational budget.

- Maintain and improve academic performance.
- Recruit and retain the best work force.
- Maintain and improve technology.
- Strategically respond to intense enrollment growth.

3B \$395 million bond question:

- To build 10 new elementary schools.
- Renovations to update, repair and/or expand almost 50 schools.
- Technology infrastructure (Wide Area Network, etc.) improvements for ALL schools.
- Strategically begin to move all elementary schools off 4-track.

The combined cost of both measures (4 mils) is 33 cents a day or \$10 a month for the average Douglas County homeowner.

Douglas County School District continues to grow.

- School population is expected to grow an average 2,000 students per year through 2012. DCSD is expected to have an enrollment of almost 54,000 students in 2008-09.
- DCSD has reached a "tipping point" on its use of 4-track, year-round elementary schools to manage growth. Operational expenses now equal or exceed costs to build the needed space.
- DCSD uses almost 100 mobile classrooms across the District.

Douglas County School District is one of the highest achieving school districts in Colorado.

- DCSD topped the metro area in 24 out of 27 tests assessed by CSAP.
- ACT results exceeded the state average by 1.8 – 2.0 percentage points.
- 92% of DCSD schools are rated Excellent or High by the Colorado Department of Education.

DCSD receives the lowest state formula per pupil funding in the Denver Metro Area.

FY 2007-08 School District	Funded Pupil Count	Per Pupil Revenue	Hold Harmless & Override Rev	Total Per Pupil
Sheridan	1,544	\$7,667	\$648	\$8,315
Denver	67,663	\$7,104	\$1,095	\$8,199
Commerce City	6,359	\$7,187	\$769	\$7,956
Boulder Valley	27,228	\$6,599	\$1,200	\$7,799
Westminster	9,979	\$6,881	\$838	\$7,719
Englewood	3,414	\$6,740	\$925	\$7,665
Littleton	15,309	\$6,429	\$1,098	\$7,527
Cherry Creek	47,752	\$6,606	\$871	\$7,477
Jefferson	81,386	\$6,501	\$912	\$7,413
Mapleton	5,209	\$6,811	\$559	\$7,370
Aurora	31,518	\$6,915	\$242	\$7,157
Northglenn	35,275	\$6,477	\$664	\$7,141
Douglas County	49,695	\$6,416	\$678	\$7,094