

District Key Points

100% of DCSD graduates will be college ready and/or work force ready.

- College and Work Force ready includes financial readiness for the future.
 - DCSD offers Career and Technical Education and certifications while still in high school to prepare students to move directly into the work force.
 - Opportunities to earn college credit (by taking Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses, College Ready courses, dual enrollment, or earning certifications) in high school provide a head start for college and defray university costs.
 - DCSD students taking three college level courses can save families approximately \$11,000 on college tuition at a typical 4-year university.

DCSD must increase its 21st Century technology capabilities for students.

- Currently DCSD is behind competing school districts in terms of network capacity (in some cases 100 times behind).
- The average DCSD high school has the network capacity of 5 Douglas County homes.

DCSD receives the lowest per-student 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

Good schools positively impact home values.

- No less than 2% and up to 10% of a Single Family Home's value can be attributed to the quality of the school district.
- DCSD is one of the highest performing School Districts in Colorado.

Without additional funds, services to students will be negatively impacted.

- No additional space for incoming students, resulting in increased class sizes and overcrowding.
- More elementary schools will be moved onto 4-track, year-round schedule.
- Technology gap will continue to impact students' global competitiveness and achievement.
- Annual budget cuts will impact the quality of DCSD educational program.
- School-based services and opportunities for students reduced.

The Board of Education is asking voters to approve a 4 mil solution for additional funding. Both the bond and budget measures together will cost \$10 a month, or 33 cents a day on an average Douglas County home valued at \$372,000.

- A homeowner currently pays \$3.77 a day (no matter how many kids are in a family) to educate a student and provide for all facilities, transportation, learning tools and teachers' salaries.
- Two School District measures will appear at the bottom of a long ballot as issues **3A** and **3B**.

The 4 mils will pay for both:

3A: A \$17 million budget question to increase the District's operational budget:

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

3B: A \$395 million bond question:

- To build 10 new elementary schools and expand one high school
 - Renovations to update, expand and repair almost 50 existing buildings and properties
 - Technology improvements at every site in the District
- Every school will receive site-based money for technology allocations.
 - Of the money raised by the bond measure (3B), **less than 50 cents a month allows the District to build out of 4-track**, year-round school calendars over the next 6 years.

Douglas County School District Facts:

- The Board of Education voted to place a \$17 million budget and \$395 million bond on the November 2008 ballot as measures **3A** and **3B**.
- 135 mobile classroom units are in use across DCSD, housing more than 6,000 students.
- DCSD expects to grow by more than 2,000 new students per year for the next 5 years.
- DCSD made \$21 million in budget reductions for the 2008-09 school year.
- Without additional funding, at least an additional \$10 million in reductions will be necessary in the 2009-10 school year.
- Families and businesses relocate to Douglas County for the quality of schools and the quality of life.
- There are more than 100,000 approved plats for future construction of homes in the County.
- 65% to 70% of Douglas County residents do NOT have direct ties to the School District.

Election Facts:

- 180,000 Douglas County residents are registered voters. An estimated 160,000 are expected to vote in the November 2008 election. 50%+ will vote via absentee ballot or mail-in ballot.
- Mail-in ballots will be dropped in the mail by the Clerk and Recorder's office October 6.