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Picture Retakes are next week, October 5, 2023.

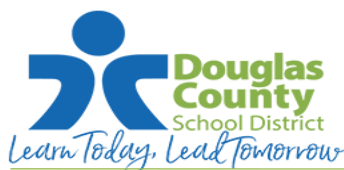
Students that missed the 1st picture day will have their picture taken. If you would like to order pictures [click here](#) to order online or stop by the office for an order form.

If you were not satisfied with your pictures from the beginning of the year, please have your student bring them back in and they will retake the picture.



This summer Sedalia Elementary received a grant from DCSD Sustainability to replace the fencing between the leach field and the chicken yard. We've purchased all the supplies, but need help with installing the fencing and gate.

If you have experience installing livestock fencing or just want to lend a hand, please contact [Kim Rankin](#).



Dear Sedalia Elementary Community,

On August 8, the Douglas County School District Board of Education unanimously voted 7-0 to place a \$66 million Mill Levy Override (MLO) and \$484 million Bond on the November 2023 ballot.

If passed by voters, these new funds would be used at our school to:

- Increase teacher and staff pay
- Enhance safety and security
 - Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- Refresh student and staff technology
- Make much needed repairs and upgrades to our building





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- Replace heaters
 - Replace flooring
 - Install new intercom system

Teachers in the Douglas County School District earn, on average, \$19,000 less compared to a neighboring school district. Additional MLO funding, if passed by voters, would enable DCSD to pay teachers and staff more competitively and to increase security staffing support for our schools.

- DCSD teachers, on average, would receive a 9% pay increase, as reflected [in these salary schedules](#)
- Support staff, such as bus drivers, educational assistants, custodians, etc., would receive a 9% pay increase
- Other staff would receive a 7% pay increase

A \$484 million Bond, if passed by voters, would be used to expand trade, career and technical education opportunities; perform safety and security upgrades; and ensure safe and adequate learning environments for students and staff. The Bond would provide for three new elementary schools in growing areas of our county, as well as the expansion of two middle schools.

If the MLO and Bond are approved by voters, Douglas County homeowners can expect to pay approximately \$200 per year for a home valued at \$1,000,000.

You can read more about DCSD's funding challenges and arguments for and against the ballot initiatives [on our website](#). Thank you for being an engaged and informed member of our school community!

Sincerely,

Jeff Johnson
Principal
Sedalia Elementary School





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CHILDREN'S LIBRARY CARD

For Kids Under Age 15

Did you know that Douglas County Libraries offers parents and guardians the option of limiting their children's borrowing to items only in our children's collection? Our Children's Library Card limits a child's borrowing of physical materials and digital content in OverDrive, but does not limit their use of or access to library computers, WiFi, homework help, or research databases.

You may change a library account to add or remove the Children's Library Card option in person, at any time, by visiting the Welcome Desk at any of our libraries. Please have the child's library card number on hand in order to make the change.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Long Range Planning Committee Seeks Members

Are you passionate about shaping the future of education and facilities in our community? We invite you to apply for a unique opportunity to become a member of the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) for the Douglas County School District (DCSD). Established in 1983, the LRPC plays a

crucial role in advising the Board of Education on matters related to population trends, facility usage, school attendance boundaries, and much more.

Your expertise and insights will help shape the future of our schools and facilities while serving as a vital link between our community and the Board of Education.

Application Details:

While we accept applications from all areas of the county, we are particularly interested in individuals residing in the following areas:

- South Castle Rock
- East Castle Rock
- Castle Pines North

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- North Parker
 - Parents of students attending Charter Schools

Please submit your application by September 29th to be considered for this meaningful opportunity. To apply, you can just head over to the LRPC pages on the DCSD website. Or [click this link](#).

Join us in making a positive impact on the education and development of our community. Together, we can create a brighter future for our students and ensure that our facilities align with our evolving needs.

Thank you for your dedication to the Douglas County School District. We look forward to reviewing your applications and welcoming new members to the Long Range Planning Committee.

The LRPC





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Band & Orchestra



Attention Sedalia 4th - 6th Graders:

You have a terrific opportunity to play an instrument at school this year!

Both band and orchestra will be offered through CVEIM (Castle View Elementary Instrumental Music). This program will provide instruction for all band & orchestra instruments, beginning & intermediate.

Please contact the instructor for more information.
Ms Walker. Email: swalker1@dcsdk12.org

Band Schedule

Beginners: Wednesdays & Fridays from 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Intermediates: Wednesdays & Fridays from 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Orchestra Schedule

Beginners: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Band & Orchestra classes begin right after Labor Day
SCHOLARSHIPS are available

To Sign Up for Band or Orchestra, or for more details:

Please visit the website at: www.cveim.org

There will be a Meet the Teacher/Rent and Instrument event at Sedalia on Wednesday, Aug. 30, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.





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Sedalia Elementary 2023 Mill Levy Override and Bond Proposal

The Douglas County School District's Board of Education recently voted to place a **\$66 million Mill Levy Override (MLO)** and **\$484 million Bond** on the November ballot. If passed by voters, this is how the additional funds would be invested in our school.

Mill Levy Override and Bond dollars

- Increase teacher and staff pay
- Refresh student and staff technology
- Enhance safety and security
- Replace heaters
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If both a **\$66M MLO** and a **\$484 Bond** are approved by voters it will cost **\$20 a year** per \$100,000 of assessed home value



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www.dcsdk12.org/funding

Arguments Against the Ballot Issues

- The MLO/Bond would increase property taxes by \$200 per year for a one-million-dollar home.
- The Mill Levy Override does not have a sunset.
- Assessed property values are on the rise in Douglas County resulting in upcoming property tax increases.
- The Bond would create additional debt service for the school district.





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SUPPORT DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS! TICKETS NOW ON SALE!
EXCITING SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT!

COLORADO ROCKIES

Cheer on the Rockies and give back to DC Schools! Tickets start at just \$12.

- Sept. 29-Oct. 1 vs Minnesota
(includes Sept. 29 post-game fireworks!) LINK COMING SOON!

AIR FORCE ACADEMY FALCONS

Join the Falcons for their 2023 Football season! Tickets start at only \$28.

- Saturday, October 14 - 5:00 pm vs. Wyoming (Falcon Stadium)
- Saturday, November 4 - 12:30 pm vs. Army (Empower Field at Mile High)

ELITCH GARDENS & WATER PARK

Enjoy a fun-filled day of rides & attractions at Denver's premier amusement park!

- Day Tickets only \$32.49! (Gate \$69.99)

COLORADO AVALANCHE

Watch the amazing Avs hit the ice while supporting our community! Tickets start at \$47.

- Thursday, November 9 - 7:00 pm vs. Seattle Kraken
- Saturday, December 9 - 7:00 pm vs. Philadelphia Flyers

CU BUFFALOES

Support the incredible Buffs! Tickets start at \$70 for friends & families of the district!

- Saturday, November 11 (time TBD) vs. Arizona State

EXTRAVAGANT THEATRICAL EVENTS!

DREAMGIRLS - Lone Tree Art Center

A sweeping and inspirational journey with an unforgettable soundtrack filled with pop, R&B, gospel, disco, and more. Dreamgirls will bring audiences to their feet!

- October 19 through 29 - 50% off!!! - Use promo code FDSC2324

MAMMA MIA! - Denver Center for the Performing Arts

For nearly 25 years, people all around the world have fallen in love with the characters, the story, and the music of this ultimate feel-good show! PL3 tickets only \$55.

- Friday, November 3 - 7:30 pm
- Sunday, November 5 - 2:00 pm

ANNIE - Denver Center for the Performing Arts

Little Orphan Annie, the best-loved musical of all time, has reminded generations of theatergoers that sunshine is always right around the corner! PL3 tickets only \$60.

- Friday, November 24 - 7:30 pm
- Sunday, November 26 - 2:00 pm

The Foundation for Douglas County Schools www.foundationdcs.org/community-events





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A huge thank you to all of our AMAZING families that have purchased items from our list! It's greatly appreciated!



Sedalia Elementary Amazon Wish List – Sedalia Elementary PTO has set up a wish list of needs at Sedalia. If you would like to contribute, click below:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1AQ36MT31N626?ref=wl_share

Send this link to friends and family!

