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DCSD Superintendent Erin Kane Named Advocate of the Year

The Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce has selected Douglas County School District (DCSD) Superintendent Erin Kane as the organization's "Advocate of the Year." Kane was recently honored at the Chamber's annual Winter Frost Gala.

Superintendent Kane leads the county's school district, which serves more than 63,000 students. DCSD is the largest employer in Douglas County, with 8,500 staff members. The school district is the third largest in the state, home to 90 schools.

When introducing Kane as the Advocate of the Year, the Chamber shared that one of Kane's most recent accomplishments is tirelessly advocating for teacher pay, which resulted in voters approving a \$66 million Mill Levy Override (MLO) in November 2023. She continues to educate residents about the need to fund schools and pay teachers more competitively. Superintendent Kane is consistently out in schools and the community, building critical relationships and finding common ground. She brings people together to provide the best education possible to the students of Douglas County. This, in turn, benefits the Douglas County community for generations. High quality schools produce future workers, keep property values intact, and make Douglas County a desirable place to work and live.

The passage of 5A provided DCSD teachers an average 9% pay increase. This is critical in retaining the great teachers in DCSD schools. Superintendent Kane led the effort in educating residents and business owners about DCSD's funding needs during a very challenging economic environment with property taxes set to rise to some of the highest levels in history. She also spent time knocking on doors to talk face-to-face with residents. In turn, she inspired DCSD school leaders, staff, community members, and many others to follow her lead.

[Read more about Superintendent Kane.](#)

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About DCSD

Douglas County School District is Colorado's third largest school district and serves 63,000 students. Learn more at www.dcsdk12.org.