



Want to have an impact on education in Poudre School District? Attend “PSD 101” workshop September 14th

The Poudre School District's District Advisory Board (DAB) invites parents, community members and staff to “**PSD 101: How your school district works and how you can affect it,**” which will be held **from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Monday, September 14, at O’Dea Core Knowledge Elementary School, 312 Princeton Road.** PSD experts will conduct presentations and answer questions during the workshop designed to share how the District operates and how parents and community members can make an impact in the decision-making process.

The evening will begin with a short general session followed by several breakout sessions. Each session will be lead by a District staff member and will be offered only once. Participants will have the opportunity to choose three of the nine sessions listed below.

Breakout sessions include:

- **District Overview (English and Spanish presentations):** find out about the scope of the District, demographics, decision-making, policy governance, site-based management, comparison to other districts
- **District Initiatives:** Learn about boundary changes, facilities use, zonal transportation, grade configuration.
- **Finance:** Hear about the current district budget and process, bonds and mill levies.
- **Assessments: School Accountability and Accreditation:** Learn about the CSAP growth model and other assessment tools; changes in state standards and graduation requirements.
- **Course Catalog:** See what is taught in each subject at each grade level; materials in use and how they interrelate (i.e.: Open Court, Everyday Math, Connected Math, and Foss).
- **Curricula Choices:** Hear about honors courses, advanced placement courses, current curricula in use (district curriculum, Core Knowledge, International Baccalaureate, expeditionary learning, etc.).
- **Web Training:** Learn to navigate the PSD Web site including Pinnacle Internet Viewer, Blackboard, and CSAP information.
- **Response to Intervention (RTI) and Professional Learning Communities (PLC):** Learn how this required framework will be used to help students be successful: essential learnings, differentiated instruction, acceleration, remediation, gifted and talented, and ability grouping.

About DAB:

Comprised of representatives from each school, community members, and District staff, the DAB serves as a sounding board to identify common goals and concerns in PSD. DAB presents information, suggestions, requests, or resolutions to the Board of Education and the Superintendent; provides support for the betterment of education in Poudre School District; and offers a valuable link between the community and Poudre School District.

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