

**District Accountability Committee
Membership Recommendations
May 7, 2024**

Individuals Recommended to Fill Current Vacancies

The District Accountability Committee (DAC) recommends membership for three (3) Parent Representatives. Individuals recommended to fill vacancies.

Parent Representatives:

Chad Cox
Douglas County School Feeder Area
First Term: June 2024-June 2026

“I have a sped student and a student with dyslexia. Three children on IEP. I have a medical background that would be insightful for the district and I have served on our school SAC for 2 years now.

I am interested in providing high level feedback and insight into district policies. I am interested in seeing that our achievement scores stay high in our district and have a direct interest in seeing that the schools have the appropriate tools to meet and maintain those goals. I am interested in seeing that our district stays fiscally responsible to our budget, schools are maintaining safety and security that keeps everyone’s best interest in mind, and want to ensure our test scores are maintaining or exceeding states expectations. I want to ensure that when any of the above are not meeting our own standards that we seek accountability to those standards.”

Lenaya Dotseth
ThunderRidge School Feeder Area
First Term: June 2024-June 2026

“As a parent of four young children and a seasoned educator, I bring a wealth of firsthand experience and insights to the District Accountability Committee. With almost a decade of teaching experience, I have developed a deep understanding of curriculum development, instructional strategies, and student assessment practices. This background enables me to provide valuable input on educational policies and initiatives that impact students' academic success. Moreover, managing a bustling household with four children has honed my ability to juggle multiple responsibilities efficiently. From coordinating schedules and managing conflicts to fostering a nurturing and supportive environment, I have honed essential organizational and interpersonal skills that are invaluable in collaborative decision-making settings like the District Accountability Committee. Furthermore, my role as both a parent and a teacher has instilled in me a profound commitment to advocating for the needs of all students. I firmly believe in the importance of equity and inclusivity in education and am dedicated to ensuring that every child in our district has access to the resources and opportunities they need to thrive. My unique

blend of professional expertise as an educator and personal experience as a parent equips me with the skills, knowledge, and passion necessary to make meaningful contributions to the District Accountability Committee and ultimately, to the success of our school district.

I am deeply passionate about ensuring that every child in our community has access to the best education possible, including my own children. As both a parent and a teacher, I understand the importance of a high-quality education in shaping the future success and well-being of our youth. Serving on the DCSD District Accountability Committee would allow me to actively contribute to the ongoing improvement and accountability of our school district. I am committed to advocating for policies and initiatives that prioritize student learning, equity, and academic excellence. By serving on this committee, I hope to collaborate with fellow stakeholders to address the diverse needs of our students and work towards creating a more inclusive and effective educational environment for all.”

Victoria McDermott
ThunderRidge School Feeder Area
First Term: June 2024-June 2026

“I am a practicing municipal attorney with the City of Englewood. I have over 14 years of experience serving public entity clients in matters including ethics, procurement, and employment law.

Given my background and experience representing public entities, I believe I am uniquely suited to serve in an advisory capacity regarding the district’s budget and unified improvement plan. I have dedicated my career to public service and am passionate about improving our community’s most important asset – our schools.”

Members Recommended for Renewal:

Parent Representatives:

Jenny Brown
First Term: July 2024-June 2026
*spent one year completing the term of prior Parent Representative

Allison Fox
First Term: July 2024-June 2026
*spent one year completing the term of prior Parent Representative

Kate Welsh
Third Term: July 2024-June 2026

Community Representative:

Jessica Bassan
Third Term: July 2024-June 2026

Principal Representative:

Katie Lynch
Third Term: July 2024-June 2026