



February 17, 2026

Susan Meek
President
Douglas County School Board
620 Wilcox
Castle Rock, Colorado 80104

Erin Kane
Superintendent
Douglas County School District
620 Wilcox
Castle Rock, Colorado 80104

Dear President Meek and School Board Directors & Superintendent Kane:

This letter addresses the issue of the Douglas County School District's (DCSD) decades-long presence in Castle Rock and the historic headquarters building on Wilcox Street in our downtown. We understand from briefings and conversations with Superintendent Kane and her staff that serious consideration is being made to relocate DCSD headquarters and other DCSD staff outside of Castle Rock. On behalf of Town Council, along with our economic partners the Castle Rock Economic Development Council, the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce, and the Castle Rock Downtown Alliance, we respectfully request that the Town and its partners be given the opportunity to review and respond to any financial requests that would allow for DCSD to continue to use the historic Wilcox building as District headquarters.

The School District and the Town of Castle Rock enjoy – and will continue to enjoy – an unprecedented partnership that invaluable serves the residents of Castle Rock and Douglas County. Historic investments in our joint School Resource Officers program, the successful transfer of the historic Cantril school building to a local community arts and culture facility, and collaboration in facilities serving youth athletics stand out as partnership examples. Initiatives such as the Tours for Teachers program with the Castle Rock Chamber, the Douglas County Career Fair, led by a partnership with Castle Rock EDC, and – of course – our magnificent collaboration with the Castle Rock Sturm Collaboration Campus demonstrate DCSD's commitment to ensuring students and educators are connected to real-world career pathways and community engagement. These efforts strengthen our local workforce pipeline and enhance economic development, while reinforcing Castle Rock as a community that values our schools and education at every level.

We recognize the significant cost challenges of the historic Wilcox building and the desire of the School District to be a strong steward of tax dollars for their facilities. Yet, simply turning off the lights on this decades-long presence in downtown Castle Rock and moving elsewhere can hopefully be avoided in the same spirit of partnership as our other endeavors and initiatives. Looking ahead, the Town of Castle Rock is eager to continue working side by side with DCSD to identify creative, collaborative solutions that support the district's long-term presence in Castle Rock. As the Douglas County seat, we believe it is both the Town's and District's best interest that we exhaust all possible options to ensure DSCD's long-term presence remains in our community. The Wilcox building is a true testament to our longstanding partnership and part of the unique charm and character of our Downtown.

What can the Town and its economic partners do – what financial gap needs outside assistance – to efficiently rehabilitate the Wilcox building so that the School District can maintain its historic presence in downtown Castle Rock?

Thank you in advance for your consideration and response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Gray', written in a cursive style.

Jason Gray
Mayor