Leadership St Vrain Nov 11 2022

Governance:

Don Haddad speaking-
Received Governor's budget for next school year $861 per pupil increase, 23.6 M extra revenue in our district

Anticipating another bump up in revenue.

Water clean up from lead- completed 1 year in advance of requirements in SVVSD

Planning to build more schools BOND initiative (aiming for $500-600 M without having to raise any tax rates) for SVVSD 2024.

> Does that mean that no more schools will be built until after that 2024 election? Meaning a new school might not be opened until 2025 or later?
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> Kerri McDermid to Everyone   9:42 AM
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> Here is where you can access: https://championed.simplecast.com/

Accreditation process: system we use in CO that measures and accredits quality of performance for schools and school districts. We test our students on CMASS beginning of April (2 Mo before end of school year), state reports these tests out as if end of year. This is a significant impact.

For profit persons making decisions around issues of meeting educational standards. Discrediting neighborhood public schools…. Because of adjusting bell curve and adjusting expectations up and therefore showing kids are not meeting standards. Issues with Colorado department of education decision making?

For regular updates: Don Haddad's Podcast and TV show- education Today.

> Here is the first episode of Education Today that will also air on Longmont's Public Access Channels 8 and 14: https://vimeo.com/768636699

Encouraging legislative representatives to change system that results in students being labeled as not meeting standards when in reality they are.

Equity issues. Opening up access to every opportunity to every student. Increased AP class participation across minority students.

Karen Ragland- School Board

Each board member has 4 year term, limited to 2 terms. Election happens only if contested. Each board member live in the area where they have a focus.

Overall board is united in making decisions in best interest of students. Principle based governance style Coby based? Focus on mission to educate students and help them become successful.

Board contact information: https://www.svvsd.org/about/board-of-education/

Q: How does free lunch that just passed effect St Vrain and budget.
A: Will be covered by a limitation or exclusions or taxes for anyone making $300,000/year.

Q: Latest social studies standards passed- does SVVSD need a new curriculum?
A: Standards that were passed were mostly in place prior to the vote. Our curriculum has already included curriculum as passed. SVVSD shouldn't have much adjustment needs.

Brandon Shaffer- Former state senator (done in 2012), Joined school district in 2015.

SVVSD has been behind 28 different bills. Trying to take a proactive role.

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Colorado General Assembly

Also called the "Colorado Legislature"

Modelled after the federal Congress

House of Representatives = 65 (435)

Senate = 35 (100)

Convenes 120 days each year = Jan 9, 2023 - May 9, 2023

5 Bill Limit - Each legislator may introduce up to 5 bills

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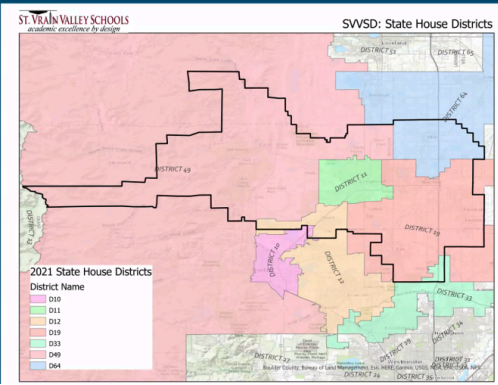
Legislative maps

Open : States

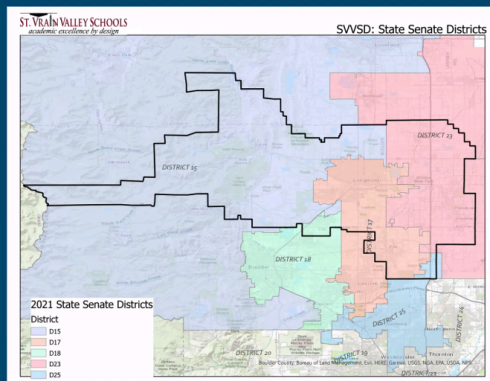http://openstates.org/co/

St. Vrain Valley is currently represented by:

Sen. Woodward (R) / Marchman (D), SD 15   Rep. McCormick (D), HD 11
Sen. Fenberg (D), SD 18   Rep. Bernett (D), HD 12
Sen. Jaquez-Lewis (D), SD 17   Rep. Woog (R) / Parenti (D), HD 19
Sen. Kirkmeyer (R), SD 23   Rep. Amabile (D), HD 49
Sen. Faith Winter (D), SD 25   Rep. Armagost (R), HD 64
                                            Rep. Gray (D) / Lindstedt (D), HD 33
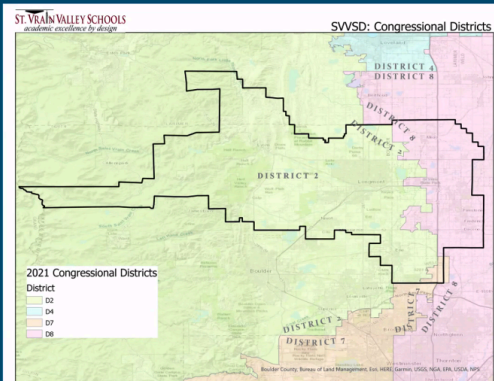   Rep. Hooton (D) / Joseph (D)

State House Districts

State Senate Districts

Congressional Districts

Representatives:

Karen McCormick and Tracey Burnett

McCormick: House District 11 State rep. just re-elected

Burnett: Just re-elected. focuses: smaller class sizes, run an education bill every term (environment, education, equity)

McCormick speaking re: success/ not success of bills:

Worked on a bill to clarify that school districts are able to expand internet service could do so without having to go to voters first. Bipartisan bill. Would allow school districts to set up their own system of towers for service in areas that are not covered. Access even when not in school building- access to families at homes….was critical during pandemic. This bill has had a lot of support with very little push back.

(Update from Brandon: 2 federal grants for city wide build out - 1.5M dollars received. City WIFI before Nextlight - system was started last week and is being piloted to be sure it works- process to accessing internet anywhere in the city in Longmont is coming to fruition.)

Attempted last year to run a bill that would create school finance budget passed before the long bill, prioritize state spending on school finance. Nuances that holding this bill back.

Burnett:

Success/not success of bills:
Trying to figure out how to get fewer standardized tests in schools- particularly upper grades HS. Tried several months to get around federal requirements, came to getting rid of only 1 test.

1 bill passed: People negotiating goods and services schools use: often larger companies, HQ other places outside of CO- administrators renegotiating contracts so CO laws apply. Protecting student data privacy. Bill passed- bipartisan- fixes this issue so administrators don't have to spend time fixing contracts.

What's coming up in education bills?

Burnett: Funding more equitable and sustainable and getting it earlier in P-tech program. 9-10th graders. Working on proposing a funding mechanism to benefit P-tech programs. Additionally: wanting to introduce bill to allow for asthma medications to be in schools, not expired, and quick communication with families with students with asthma. Similar bill was previously passed for kids with epilepsy. Also working on air quality bill. Affects kids who have asthma as well as athletes. Impact of Ozone days on kids. Jobs bill- Addresses getting to net zero on climate.

McCormick: Met with 2 NHS students: they are passionate about issue of having curriculum of consent in relationships be mandatory in school districts who have chosen to teach comprehension sex education.

Bill (potentially peripheral)- office of gun violence prevention- carve out specific grant for fund pilot projects throughout the state - non profits and churches partner with non profit blacksmith- for gun turn in event with guns permanently disabled. Materials turned into garden tools and jewelry. These have historically been successful events to get firearms out of their hands, every single gun not available for misuse is a potential life saved.

Comment:

Rep McCormick – thank you for bringing that up. I read an article on NPR recently on the case for teaching sex-ed from K-12... It's not what it sounds like (the name I think is shocking and can scare some) – here's the article and I think SVVSD should look into this. It would make us even stronger and help keep our kids safer. https://www.npr.org/2022/09/12/1121999705/sex-education-school-kindergarten

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