



FACT CHECK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

FACT: Eagle County Schools spends less on administrative salaries and benefits (7.2%) than the state average (8%). In fact, The District has shrunk the spending on administrative salaries and benefits from 8.8% in the 2006-07 school year to 7.2% in the current year. During these difficult times, all of our staff members are taking on more and more responsibilities as we make additional staff cuts, while requirements and regulations at the state and federal levels continue to increase.

FACT: Administrative contracts don't provide administrators with bonuses and pay raises every year. All employees in the District are a part of the Performance Pay system, as this is simply the way we do business in Eagle County Schools. Administrative contracts are tied to the same pay structure as all other staff, including teachers.

FACT: With preschool included, there are 6,413 students in the District.

FACT: Mentor/Master Teacher stipends were reduced this school year. Mentor Teachers receive a \$4,500 stipend (NOT a \$5,000 stipend) and Master Teachers receive a \$10,350 stipend (NOT an \$11,500 stipend). These stipends are for additional days outside of the calendar year and the expertise these positions lend to the organization.

FACT: The Colorado Department of Education's (CDE) class size calculation looks at ALL licensed employees (including Administration) as compared to all students. For the 2011-12 school year, CDE reported Eagle County Schools' class sizes are 14:1. Eagle County Schools calculates class sizes slightly differently, as we look at building-wide staff as compared to all students. For the 2012-13 school year, the projected class size (based on programming decisions made by principals) reflects a 25:1 ratio for elementary schools, 27:1 ratio for middle schools and 23:1 ratio for high schools.

FACT: The Superintendent does NOT receive a housing allowance or free employee housing.

FACT: The Board of Education found enough savings in other areas that class size increases and staffing reductions will not reflect the worst-case scenario.

We'd like to introduce our new 'Fact Check' communication. This document will pull points of misinformation from the local newspaper, emails we've received and/or conversations taking place around the District, and provide clarification on the various topics without pinpointing the direct source of information.

