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**A+ Denver releases results from DPS board candidate survey,
launches new BoardWatch Website**

Survey Results: Some stark differences between candidates

A+ Denver released results today from a survey conducted to identify priorities and beliefs of the nine candidates vying for the four open or contested seats on the DPS school board.

"This election could change the fundamental makeup of the board and the direction the district goes on crucial reforms," said A+ CEO, Van Schoales.

The most contested issues included teaching and learning practices and school choice. There was disagreement about the right to tenure, teacher pay and employment, facility use and sharing between district and charter schools, and innovation status.

The majority of candidates agree that reforms are not on pace to meet student needs and that a culture of accountability is important. Most candidates also support Initiative 66 (School Finance Act) and that DPS should intervene in failing schools.

The complete survey, along with each candidate's bio, priorities, and complete survey responses, can be found at www.aplusdenver.org.

BoardWatch Denver

A+ Denver's BoardWatch project was created to improve the governance practices of the DPS Board in a way that will lead to better academic achievement for Denver's students. Our volunteer committee is trained to evaluate the board performance based on researched best practices of effective boards.

The beta site launched today includes: DPS board including current member and candidate profiles, votes for the past three years, and report cards from our BoardWatch project.

<http://www.boardwatchdenver.org>

The mission of A+ Denver (A+) is to harness the power of Denver's civic leadership to build public will and advocate for the changes necessary to dramatically increase student achievement in public education in Denver.

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