

# Delta County School District News



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### • **Doesn't the money from marijuana taxes go to kids and schools?**

Marijuana taxes contribute \$0 to school operational funds. The marijuana tax law stipulates a maximum of \$40 million goes into school construction.

### • **Why isn't there more money for our schools and for public services?**

Colorado is a low-tax state. Over the years, legislators and voters have reduced the state's largest sources of revenue which are individual /corporate income taxes and sales/use taxes.

### • **How are Colorado schools funded compared to other states?**

Colorado spends \$2,700 less per student than the national average and ranks 40<sup>th</sup> in per pupil spending. When comparing state changes to per pupil funding since 2002-03, Colorado ranks 47<sup>th</sup> – the U.S. average per pupil spending increased 556 during this time period, while Colorado spending dropped \$703 per pupil.

### • **What is the minimum number of days of instruction?**

Every child who has attained the age of six years and is under the age of 17 shall attend public school for at least 1,056 hours for secondary education and 968 hours for elementary age students during each school year.

## More on Jodi Simpson...

Ms. Jodi Simpson was recently chosen as one of 6 finalists in the annual Colorado Teacher of the Year competition. Please follow the link below to an article about Jodi and her teaching style...

<http://www.chalkbeat.org/posts/co/2016/10/10/this-teacher-of-the-year-finalist-uses-music-to-teach-second-graders-vocabulary/#.WBt3Ty0rKot>

## Congratulations...

Angela and Richard Flores, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher and PE teacher at Hotchkiss K-8, on the birth of their baby boy. Blaine Michael is beautiful at 7.1 pounds, 19 inches.

## Best of Luck to...

- \* **Delta Panthers Volleyball Team** and the **Paonia Eagles Volleyball Team** as they compete at the State Competition!
- \* **Cedaredge Bruins Football Team, Paonia Eagles Football Team,** and **Delta Panthers Football Team** as they all compete in the Quarter Finals this Saturday in Cedaredge, Paonia and Delta!

## Cedaredge High School Marching Band 2016-17 State Competition Placed 4<sup>th</sup> Overall



## Delta High School Marching Band 2016-17 State Competition Placed 7<sup>th</sup> Overall

