

**We need to hear from you! Participate in the Five Star Needs conversation.**

As you may have read in the newspaper or heard in conversation, Colorado continues to struggle in terms of adequately funding education. This school year alone, we're receiving almost \$1,000 less per student as a result of funding cuts from the state that started in 2010. These operating dollars go toward attracting and keeping the best teachers, offering students a robust curriculum with specialized learning opportunities and providing a safe and secure learning environment.

Additionally, the state does not provide a funding source to maintain our aging schools, build new schools to address overcrowding and expand space for in-demand educational programming such as Career and Technical Education.

**We Need Your Help!**

We need your help to understand what we should do about limited state funding, aging buildings and overcrowded schools. Parents have a few opportunities over the next several weeks to provide input on their values and priorities when it comes to addressing high-priority needs within the Five Star District.

**1. Online Survey**

- a. Quick, five-minute survey about your values and priorities when addressing district needs
- b. Open April 11-22
- c. Available in Spanish

**2. Telephone Town Hall**

- a. April 26, 2016 from 7 to 8 p.m.
- b. Join Superintendent Chris Gdowski and others as we answer your questions about state funding, district budgets and Five Star Needs.
- c. If you have a land-line number on file with the district you will receive a call inviting you to participate. Cell phone numbers will not be called unless you sign-up to receive a call.
- d. Participants can also follow along online like a live podcast - you can even type questions!
- e. The call will be available in Spanish

**To take the Five Star Needs survey and to sign-up for the telephone town hall with your cell phone number, visit [www.adams12.org/fivestarneeds](http://www.adams12.org/fivestarneeds).**

Thank you for helping us understand how we want to move forward as a community. For detailed information on funding concerns, visit [www.adams12.org/funding101](http://www.adams12.org/funding101).