



Five Star LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Five Star Leadership Academy, a districtwide parent and community group, meets monthly during the academic year to expand members' knowledge of the Five Star District and state of Colorado education. The purpose of the group is to create a sense of shared responsibility, partnership and advocacy for the benefit of Five Star District students and the community

The yearlong program begins anew each fall, meeting monthly each Friday from September through May.



Brent Seifried

“What I've learned in the Leadership Academy is that it's not so much finding the answers to the issues our district or schools face — it's about asking the right questions. I thought I had a good idea of how education funding worked in Colorado. I was surprised to learn how many more complex policies, formulas and factors affect funding.

To increase funding for our schools, we need to organize our community members to socialize the value and impact a mill levy and/or bond has on our children's future and, ultimately, our community growth.”



Malisa Denke

“Every month, you are able to have conversation and gain fresh perspectives from parents whose children attend a different school and live in a different part of the district. It's so important in understanding the community the district serves. I would highly recommend the academy to other parents, because I have found it's a valuable tool

in understanding how the district works and the value of education my children are getting.”



Josh Bastian

“I have enjoyed meeting with a wide variety of people from throughout the district. I would definitely recommend the academy to parents and community members that are interested in knowing more about the district. This group can really inform the district about what parents and community members want to see from the district

now and going forward. It puts them in touch with key staff members and introduces them to some of the behind-the-scenes constraints that Adams 12 Five Star Schools operates within.”



Beatriz Orozco

“La academia de liderazgo me ha dado una oportunidad como padre reforzando el aprendizaje de cómo podemos navegar en el sistema y no perdernos. También aprendí que para aumentar la capacitación y conocimiento sobre como la educación del estado existe y nuestra comunidad hispana/latina no conoce, es esforzándonos

y capacitándonos cada vez mejor. Cuando uno toma el riesgo sabemos cómo ayudar a nuestros hijos y a nuestra comunidad.”

English Translation:

The Leadership Academy has given me an opportunity, as a parent, to learn how we can navigate the system without getting lost. I also learned that to increase the training and knowledge of how the state exists and what our Hispanic and Latino community does not know, is by working hard and empowering ourselves more each time. When we take the risk, we learn how to help our children and our community.