



DPS EDUCATOR HOUSING

When our educators are supported, we all benefit.



A crucial element in delivering high-quality education is the ability to attract and retain talented teachers. Unfortunately, the soaring housing costs in Colorado are making it increasingly difficult for educators to afford living in the communities where they teach, which impacts the stability and quality of our public schools.

To show our commitment to supporting educators and to ease the housing burden for newer and historically lower-paid teachers, we have launched our Educator Housing Initiative.

Catalyzed by our partnership at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year with Grand Peaks to offer one year of rent-free housing to 10 Denver Public Schools (DPS) educators, we are excited to partner with others to expand this model. In fact, this winter AvalonBay joined us, inspired by the launch at Grand Peaks, and offered 5 DPS classroom educators free housing for one year as well. Our goal is to make this a regular practice through the DPS Foundation and potentially other school foundations, helping to support educators more effectively.

When our educators thrive, we all benefit. And it takes all of us. Addressing these challenges demands the collective effort of our entire community—local businesses, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations alike. By investing in our educators and ensuring they receive both professional and personal support, we are also investing in the future of our children and the overall prosperity of our state.

Why this matters:



84%

of DPS educators surveyed indicated they would be more likely to stay in the district if they had access to affordable housing.

While this initiative alone won't solve the broader issue of unaffordable housing, it aims to highlight the problem and encourage others to leverage their resources to address housing affordability in Denver and across the state. The positive feedback from the 15 selected educators has been overwhelming, with many describing the support as "life-changing" for them and their families.



For more information and to learn how to get involved, visit dpsfoundation.org.

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