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CREC Website Job Board

REMINDER: We advertise job openings on the CREC website and once a month, a job openings newsletter will go out to our members, giving your postings a wider audience! In addition to the job board, teachers can submit resumes for superintendents and administrators to review. This is a great opportunity for our members to bring future educators into the amazing rural communities of Colorado!

To view our job board, click [here](#).

Genesis Group Updates

Teacher Recruitment & Retention

Mental Health Workforce in Rural Colorado

The Center for Rural School Health & Education (CRSHE) at the University of Denver established a partnership with Southeast BOCES, Santa Fe Trail BOCES, and Colorado Rural Education Collaborative to develop a robust school mental health workforce in rural Colorado. With grant funding from the Colorado Department of Higher Education, we hosted an immersion program for graduate students enrolled in school psychology and school counseling programs. In total, seven graduate students from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, University of Nebraska - Omaha, and Texas Woman's University joined us for a one week experience.



Click [here](#) to learn more.

Student-Centered Accountability Program (S-CAP)

We are currently looking for ten new districts to join S-CAP which is at the forefront of peer-driven innovation in the accountability space. If you are interested in learning more about S-CAP or becoming a member, please visit the S-CAP website and plan on attending one of our School Site Reviews (SSR) this coming year. Look for the SSR dates on the S-CAP [website](#) and consider attending and bringing teachers with you. Teachers have said that attending an SSR is some of the most valuable PD they have ever experienced.



Did you know that S-CAP is part of the national conversation around student-centered accountability as a grantee of the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation around deeper learning?

The S-CAP program officially has a new website to showcase their work! Check out the new revamped site by clicking [here](#).

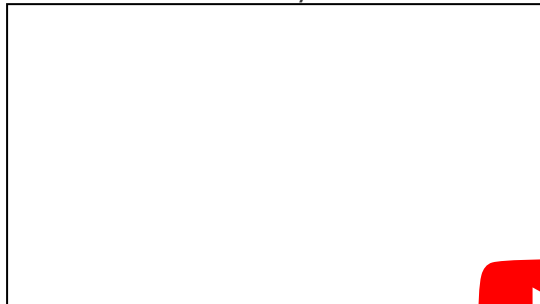
You can learn more about the S-CAP program and services offered by clicking [here](#).

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

ROCK THIS TEST!

La Junta Intermediate teachers are having some fun while getting their students fired up for testing!

This creative video, made by La Junta teachers, is a great way to help students build a positive mindset before testing, and interject some humor and fun on testing days (i.e. when testing is over, students are encouraged to sing "We Are the Champions"). As [Edutopia](#) explains, humor releases dopamine in the brain, which reduces stress and increases memory and motivated effort.



Rock This Test 2019

Healthy Kids Colorado Survey

[The Healthy Kids Colorado Survey](#) (HKCS) is the state's only comprehensive survey on the health and well-being of young people. The purpose of this survey is to better understand youth health and the factors that help young people make healthy choices. HKCS is widely used by schools, districts and communities in their efforts to grow the healthiest youth in the country.

If you're interested in having your district participate next fall please contact CDPHE_HEALTHYKIDSCOLORADO@STATE.CO.US

Teacher Leader Efficacy

The "Math Mentors" Grant is in full swing!

SC BOCES, GSN, and UCCS, with the support of a Plan Into Action Grant from CDHE, have partnered to develop a mentoring infrastructure to increase the capacity of in-service teachers to mentor early career teachers and pre-service teachers.

Both veteran and novice teachers meet monthly in a virtual PLC where they participate in low-floor, high-ceiling math tasks (with discussion of how to begin implementing and integrating such tasks in their classroom), collaborate on how to use data to inform instruction, and share strategies for addressing new teacher concerns. See more information [here](#).

Spots for SC BOCES new and veteran teachers are still available for this **June 10-13th** gathering! For more info, contact Angela Powers at powers-a@sc-boces.org.

Save the Date for the Rural CASE conference in Breckenridge

Pre-Conference **July 22-23**

Main CASE Conference **July 24-26**

Early-Bird Registration will begin **April 29**, reserve before **June 14** for the best rates.

For more info, click [here](#).

For Hotel and lodging info, click [here](#).

Get Ready for a New Rural Podcast

Stay tuned for more details regarding the upcoming podcast happening the third week of May.

National Forum for Advancing Rural Education Save the Date!



Battelle for Kids and the National Rural Education Association (NREA) will host the 2019 National Forum to Advance Rural Education and 111th NREA Convention and Research Symposium. At this annual event, a diverse community of national experts, K-12 and higher education practitioners, leading researchers, policymakers, and philanthropic leaders come together to learn, collaborate, and lead 21st century learning in rural schools. By leading together, we can help communities innovate and leverage local assets to create meaningful learning experiences for rural students.

This year's Rural Forum will take place **October 24-26** in **Louisville, Kentucky** at the **Louisville Downtown Marriott**. Be sure to save the date and stay tuned for more information!

If you would like to join the work of one of the CREC's Genesis Work Groups, please contact Kirk Banghart at kbanghart@generationschools.org.

Bookshare Library

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Upcoming Events

S-CAP Professional Development Opportunities!

The Student-Centered Accountability Program (S-CAP) is actively looking for people to attend and participate as a Reviewer or Observer at the upcoming S-CAP System Site Review (SSR) events listed below:

April 30

Wigging SSR

Register [here](#)

To view other upcoming events, click [here](#).

To learn more about S-CAP, click [here](#).

Contact Us!

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