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CREC COVID-19 Response - FREE Services for Districts

Through Generation Schools Network, the CREC is offering several supports to teachers, schools and districts in response to COVID in case it is of help to you and your colleagues.

- Guidance in applying for state COVID recovery funds via United Way (see Application Guidance & Fund Overview attached)
- A FREE e-learning series on preventing summer learning loss (COVID = summer x 2) with coaching sessions available
- FREE Coping with Crisis SEL curriculum units for EL, MS + HS accompanied by webinar-type forums
- Pre-negotiated technology packages
- SPED coaching hours
- And other supports. More at: [COVID-19-Response](#)



New Member Spotlight - Plateau Valley School District

The CREC Welcomes Plateau Valley School District as the 65th District in the CREC. The Plateau Valley School District 50 is located in the western central region of Colorado. The District consists of grades preschool through 12th grade and serves 394 students. Plateau Valley School District is proud of its rural community, progressive instructional practices, and students bursting with cowboy pride!

Redefining Rural - 2 New Episodes!

Rural school districts share how they tackle the challenge of continuous learning

In the April episode of Redefining Rural sponsored by CSU-Global, listen to how the Bayfield, Elizabeth, and Greeley-Evans school districts are tackling the challenge of

continuous learning. Superintendents Aten, Bissonnette, and Pilch talk through the tremendous work of their teams, broadband access challenges for families, and the grit among the education community that so rapidly pulled together a whole new system of learning for students, staffs, and families through the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Don't forget to like and follow Redefining Rural on Facebook and Twitter and subscribe on your favorite podcast platform!



Dalton Risner, from the Denver Broncos, talks about growing up in rural Colorado.



Redefining Rural is a Colorado State University - Global Campus sponsored series. This series is focused on bringing awareness to the rural communities of Colorado in the education sector.

In this episode, Dalton Risner, starting Left Guard for the Denver Broncos and Brian Christensen, Superintendent of the Akron School District join Redefining Rural co-hosts Denille LePlatt and Michelle Murphy to discuss

how growing up in tiny Wiggins, Colorado gave Dalton a competitive edge and impacted his life, career, foundation, and message. Hear how his message translates into the work and vision of the Akron School District and positively impacts students.

Redefining Rural Round Table on Remote Learning Recap

On April 10th, Kirk Banghart of the Colorado Rural Education Collaborative, Michelle Murphy of Colorado Rural Alliance, and Denille Leplatt of the Colorado Department of Education hosted a conversation on what different models of remote learning Districts are using and hear how it is working across the state. Superintendents shared with one another their creative strategies for getting food and learning opportunities to families. Check upcoming events for our next Rural Roundtable on May 1.

Upcoming Opportunities

Redefining Rural Round Table on Social Emotional/Behavioral Supports and Special Populations

The next session of Redefining Rural's Round Table on Remote Learning will take place on Friday, May 1st from 9:00-10:00 am. This session will focus on the social emotional and behavioral supports and strategies being offered to special populations (G/T, EL, SRD, and others).

[**Reserve your spot via Eventbrite today!**](#)

Upcoming Grants

Growing Rural Student & Teacher Interest And Capacity In Coding

The Colorado Rural Education Collaborative (CREC), in conjunction with BitsBox, is seeking to further develop the capacity of rural districts and teachers to encourage

student interest in technology through coding lessons. BitsBox's coding kits, which include start-up videos, teacher-oriented workbooks, and materials for students, will serve as a resource for teachers to use in their classrooms to spark student interest in coding and offer preparation for coding careers .



Oxford Teachers Academy - The Bachelor's Degree in Global Teaching

Through OTA's apprenticeship program, school staff and community members can earn the degree they need for the work they are already doing with children. Those who enroll, can earn their Bachelor's Degree without leaving their community and without taking on student loans. OTA offers several advantages for students, including:

- Accessibility to on-line coursework to become a teacher without having to leave their community
- Ability to work while they study
- Earn college credit for the work that they currently do in schools
- Opportunity for greater responsibility, impact, and career advancement

Learn more [here](#) !

If you are interested in bringing this program to your district, please contact Kirk Banghart: kbanghart@generationschools.org

Genesis Group Updates

Teacher Recruitment & Retention

CREC Website Job Board

We advertise job openings on the CREC website and once a month, a job openings e-blast goes out to more than 100 agencies and higher education institutions, 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](#).

To submit an open position to our job board, click [here](#).

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 or click [here](#) to watch the video at this [link](#) !



Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Supports

SEL Forums + Curriculum on Coping

- **"Coping with Crisis" Social Emotional Learning Curriculum Units** for elementary, middle and high school students to support emotional well-being as they return to school accompanied by virtual Professional Development (PD) to support unit delivery. If you would like access to these units and/or interested in PD for teachers and families, click here.
 - [Join us for Coping with Crisis Forum Part I \(Grades 6-12\) - \(April 28th\)](#)
 - [Join us for Coping with Crisis Forum Part II \(Grades K-5\) - \(May 19th\)](#)

Past SEL Forum Topics can be accessed [here](#).

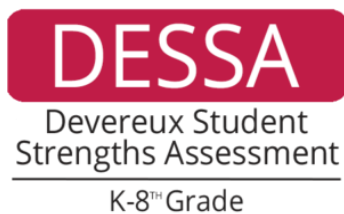
- A "Weekly Dose" of Social Emotional Learning Programming sent to teachers weekly to provide assistance as they coach students and deliver remote instruction. Includes tips for teachers, activities for students and parent outreach ideas and information. If you are interested, click here.

SEL Expansion Grant Updates

During the 2018-2019 school year, Dr. Lee Morgan, Assistant Professor at the University of Northern Colorado completed research on the effectiveness of GSN's SEL program. The research demonstrated that primary students made significant gains in relationship skills, social awareness & responsible decision making. Most notable was the positive correlation found between student SEL scores and self-reported GPA, indicating that social emotional health can have a significant impact on student academic success.

Thank you to the following schools and districts for participating: Aguilar, Bayfield, Bennett, Holyoke, Huerfano, Las Animas, La Veta, Peyton, Salida, Sangre de Cristo, Sargent, Sierra Grande and Weld Central RE-3. To access the full report, click [HERE](#).

Need support for SEL in your district? Let us know!



Resources links from Center for Rural School Health & Education (CRSHE)

The Center for Rural School Health & Education (CRSHE) understands that educators are working harder than ever to create learning opportunities for students at home. We assembled a selection of high quality, free education and wellness resources in hopes that this "one stop shopping" can help educators, parents, and students in some way. Please share this with your networks. We apologize if you receive this more than once. Just click on the image below and then maximize your browser window to see the menu options.



STEM

Computer Science PdWeek at Colorado School of Mines

CSPdWeek is back and will return to the Colorado School of Mines the week of July 19th-24th. This week-long professional development experience is directed towards computer science educators. The following programs are available, and all support teachers in offering inclusive and rigorous computer science learning opportunities: Bootstrap (Algebra, Data Science, Reactive or Physics), Exploring Computer Science, Beauty and Joy of Computing, Counselors 4 Computing. Scholarships and housing are available. Find out more information [here](#).



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Seeking 3-6th Grade Teachers Interested in Teaching Students Coding

bitsbox

The CREC is forming a partnership with BitsBox and is looking for teachers in middle grades interested in teaching coding to their students to take advantage of current funding opportunities. If

you want to teach coding in your schools, please contact Kirk Banghart or Kym Myers at kmyers@generationschools.org.

If you would like to join the work of one of the CREC's Genesis Work Groups, please contact [Kirk Banghart](#).

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 upcoming S-CAP System Site Reviews (SSRs). Learn more about the S-CAP [here](#).

SEL Forum #7 - Coping with Crisis

Tuesday - April 28

3:30-4:30 PM

[Join Here](#)

**Redefining Rural Roundtable on Remote Learning #2
Emotional/Behavioral Supports and Special Populations**

Friday - May 1
9:00 AM-10:00 AM

[Register Here](#)

Summer Learning Series Session #1

Monday May 4 & Monday May 11
3:30-4:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

**Virtual Group Coaching Sessions for SPED Directors, Teachers, and Paraprofessionals
Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm**

May 7th
May 14th
May 21st
May 28th

[Register Here](#)

Contact Us!

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