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New CREC Districts!



Peetz Plateau School District RE-5

The CREC welcomes Peetz Plateau School District as our 67th member district! Located in Logan County, CO, Peetz Plateau School District serves approximately 175 students in grades PK-12. Their mission is *to provide meaningful opportunities and innovative educational programs for all students to help them reach their learning potential.*

Yuma School District-1

The CREC also Welcomes [Yuma School District](#) as our 68th member district! Yuma School District-1 is a rural district covering a large area of Yuma County on the eastern plains of Colorado. The district includes the towns of Yuma and Eckley, but also serves students located in the surrounding agricultural area, which covers 738 square miles. The main goal of the Yuma School district is *to provide a safe environment for learning and provide first-class education to its students.*

We look forward to working with Peetz Plateau and Yuma as part of supporting their Colorado Local Accountability Systems Grant!



CREC Achieves Major Funding Mark

Acting as a combine for resources, since inception over \$22 Million has been secured to support CREC districts in solving their most pressing problems of practice including Teacher Recruitment & Retention, Teacher/Leader Efficacy, STEM Education, College/Career Readiness, Student-Centered Accountability and Social Emotional Learning Support.

Redefining Rural - New Episode(s) Alert!

**"Brittany Lang: A Spotlight on Rural Innovators"**

Brittany Lang, an 8th grade science teacher in Cortez, discusses the innovative Water Podcast project she is doing with her students and the power of letting them create their own path through project-oriented learning. To listen to the entire episode, be sure to [click this link](#) and follow Redefining Rural on all platforms.

"Gregg Cannady: A Spotlight on Rural Innovators"

Michelle Murphy interviews Gregg Cannady, an energetic and passionate teacher doing amazing things with outreach to rural students and communities while working at the STEM School in Highlands Ranch. To listen to the entire episode, be sure to [click this link](#) and follow Redefining Rural on all platforms.

Upcoming Events!**April 30th - 8am-9am MT*****Redefining Rural Virtual Roundtable***

Calling all superintendents! Join us as we discuss what districts are planning for summer learning.

[Click here](#) to attend.

July 27th - 1:30pm MT**Save the Date! Inaugural Redefining Rural Student Scholarship Golf Tournament**

Keystone Ranch Golf Course | 1239 Keystone Ranch Rd. Keystone, CO 80435



Colorado Rural Economic Alliance
REDEFINING RURAL
CASE
Inaugural Redefining Rural Student Scholarship
Golf TOURNAMENT
Scramble Tournament

Tuesday July 27th
 Tee off at 1:30 pm at Keystone Ranch Golf Course
 1239 Keystone Ranch Rd, Keystone, CO 80435
 www.GolfKeystone.com

Individual: \$125 per Player

Player Name: _____
 District/Company: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone: _____

Do you have a team? Y ___ or N ___ (Mark with "X")
 If yes, who is on your team? _____

*All Team Members must register

Please email your company logo to: mcruff@pearsonlegalpc.com or kgarcia@pwllegal.com
Please make checks payable to:
 The Rural Alliance Foundation, 1405 Cypress Circle, Lafayette, CO 80026

Raffle Tickets & Mulligans will be available at check in!

Genesis Group Updates

College and Career Readiness

I-76 Pathways Project



The CREC continues to support expansion of College and Career Readiness opportunities in rural communities across Colorado! Recently, GSN and the CREC have begun work with six schools in Northeast Colorado along the I-76 corridor. The I-76 Pathways Project is an innovative collaboration between the school districts of: Brush, Morgan County, Platte Valley, Weld RE-J3, Weldon Valley, and Wiggins as well as two higher education institutions (Aims Community College and Morgan Community College). This collaboration will greatly expand the

opportunity for all students to be college/career ready building on the learning from the Santa Fe BOCES 'Pathways to Prosperity' project.

The focus will be on bridging the gap between school, business, and the community, rethinking the student experience and expanding social capital and student opportunity in a way that the districts could not do on their own. Interested in expanding opportunities for your students, just let us know!

Wheels to Work

On May 12th, students across the Santa Fe Trail BOCES will gather in Las Animas, La Junta, and Rocky Ford to participate in a Wheels to Work College and Career Readiness event. This is an opportunity for 7th and 8th grade students across the six districts that participate in the SFT BOCES Pathway to Prosperity to learn about careers in their community in which vehicles



Where there's a will to work, there's a wheel to work!

are central to operation. Students will speak with businesses, organizations, and agencies and while observing their vehicles which range from city and utility vehicles to farm and ranch and health care.

Student-Centered Accountability Program (S-CAP)

NE BOCES Colorado Local Accountability System Grant

The CREC is excited to support the Northeast BOCES with implementation of their Colorado Local Accountability System Grant from CDE. This project serves three rural Colorado school districts: Peetz Plateau, Revere, and Yuma. Specifically, this project will:



All learning is social.
All learning is emotional.

1. Create a stakeholder-focused accountability dashboard that clearly shows the students, parents, educators, and community the growth and achievement of students so this information can be used to drive instructional change;
2. Adapt and align the Unified Improvement Plan to NWEA measurements to create local goals that are specific, measurable, attainable, research-based, and timely by creating a dedicated accountability website that includes NWEA data as a supplemental performance framework.

If you are interested in learning more about how the CREC can help you in developing a similar data solution for your district, contact Kirk Banghart at kbanghart@generationschools.org.

Social Emotional Learning & At-Risk Students

Amidst the COVID-19 crisis, ensuring every student receives SEL support became a major need for districts. Throughout the past year, all school districts/organizations implementing GSN's SEL programming had the opportunity to share resources and ideas in the community space, and problem solve collaboratively. Although data collection was limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic, positive trends from SEL programming continued:



- 100% of all responding **students** feel that they have gained skills for school, work, and life through their Advocacy/SEL lessons.
- 86% of **students** surveyed perceive their Advocacy/SEL group to be a safe space.
- 98% of **teachers** surveyed feel that they have developed meaningful relationships with their Advocacy/SEL students.
- 97% of **teachers** feel that culture and climate are positively affected by a successful Advocacy/SEL program.

Is your district looking to expand its social emotional learning initiatives next year? Contact Kirk Banghart at kbanghart@generationschools.org for more information.

SEL Forum Info Session: RIM Institute Summer Training for Staff

Committed to doing more to support your Tier II and III students social/emotional, behavioral, and mental health? You can use ESSER II funds!



Join us May 4th from 4-5pm to learn more about the RIM (Releasing Your Inner Magician) Institute training being offered this summer. In this forum, Dr. Deb Sandella will talk about how you can use RIM in your schools to better assist your students and staff in their social-emotional health and answer any questions you might have about the summer training.

Register for the info session [here](#).

[RIM](#) is a non-clinical, body-centered, transformational technique that frees up negative thoughts, feelings and memories, quickly transforming negative emotion to positive emotion.

The RIM Training will be offered twice this summer: June 21st - 25th and July 19th-23rd

STEM Integration

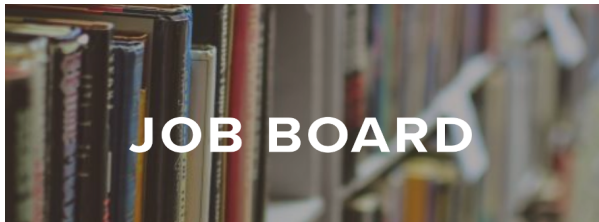


[Learning Blade](#) has partnered with the CREC through Battelle to provide a STEM toolbox that challenges students through social-centered grand challenges. Learn more about the toolbox [here](#). If your district is interested in accessing Learning Blade, contact Kirk at kbanghart@generationschools.org.

Teacher Recruitment & Retention

Post your job openings for 2020-21!

We advertise job openings on the CREC website and, a monthly job openings e-blast goes out to more than 100 agencies and higher education institutions, giving your postings a wider audience! 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](#).

Contact Us!

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