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Welcome Back to Another School Year

The CREC wishes everyone, both Students and Staff a great 2019-2020 school year!

EASI Grant Writing Help!

Generation Schools Network and CREC both help schools with writing their EASI Grants. If you would like help or want further information, contact [Kirk Banghart](#).

The LIFT Program Business Ethics Curriculum created by the Better Business Bureau is FREE to Schools

This multi-week teacher-led and community-engaged course demonstrates to youth the importance of integrity and ethics and how these concepts impact them currently and in the future. The workshop and project-based learning curriculum offer an introduction to business ethics as well as personal character lessons. These lessons focus on topics like responsibility, character, values, and development, and the program concludes with each student presenting their project and signing the LIFT Commitment to Conduct. Let us know if you give this a try in any of your schools.

Content:

[Introduction to program and information on registering](#)

[Student Guide](#)

[Teacher Guide](#)

Genesis Group Updates

Teacher Recruitment & Retention

CREC Website Job Board

REMINDER: We advertise job openings on the CREC website and once a month, a job openings newsletter 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](#).

Teacher Recruitment & Retention + STEM - Did you say scholarships?

Recent grants were awarded to provide an on-going professional learning community for rural math teachers as well as scholarships for teachers to receive a Master of Science in Teaching and Learning with a Specialization in Math or 18 graduate credits for a dual enrollment certificate from Colorado State University - Global Campus. Priority will be given to teachers in the San Luis Valley and Northeast BOCES districts, but stay tuned as any remaining available slots will be offered CREC wide.

[San Luis Valley BOCES Information](#)

[Northeast BOCES Information](#)

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 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](#).

The Student-Centered Accountability Program (S-CAP) Releases New Video!

S-CAP member districts recently gathered for their summer summit in Buena Vista, Colorado to prepare for the coming school year's System Support Reviews

(SSRs). As part of the summit, the superintendents spoke about the impact the program has had on their districts. To view the video, click this [link!](#)

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

The CREC is looking for Districts who would be interested in joining the SEL Genesis Work Group.

There are currently more than a dozen Districts working together to implement SEL in their schools and the data around impact is strong. These districts are in the process of implementing an SEL structure, receiving planning and data support, professional development for staff and coaching for administration in the area of SEL along with free access to curriculum.

The CREC is in the process of obtaining more funds for Districts to implement this type of work. If you are a district interested in participating in this work, please contact [Kirk Banghart](#) for more information.

Teacher Leader Efficacy

Rural Podcast: Redefining Rural

Listen to our podcast series sponsored by Colorado State University-Global Campus and hosted by Colorado Business Roundtable . Each episode focuses on a new topic impacting rural education today and bringing awareness to the rural education sector.

Today's episode is centered around the [BEST \(Building Excellent Schools Today\) Grant Program](#) , which is partially funded by the marijuana tax. Special guests include Kathy Gebhardt, BEST Board Chair and George Welsh, Superintendent of the Cañon City School District . Join Michelle Murphy of Colorado Rural Alliance , Kirk Banghart of Colorado Rural Education Collaborative , and Denille LePlatt of Rural Services at the Colorado Department of Education as we talk about building excellent schools today.

The show airs at 4:00pm Tuesday on Denver's Money Talk 1690 AM once during the middle of the month and on YouTube at [cobrt.com/live](#) .

To see the full episode playlist, click [here](#).

You can also view episodes on the CREC website [here](#) or download from Google Podcast, iTunes, or [Stitcher](#).

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 .

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:

2019-2020 System Site Review Full Schedule [here](#) .

Monday, September 23

East Otero
[Register here](#)

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

National Forum for Advancing Rural Education!

This year's Rural Forum will take place **October 24-26** in **Louisville, Kentucky** at the **Louisville Downtown Marriott** .

Registration is open for All Attendees. Two CREC Genesis Groups will be presenting their work, the Student-Centered Accountability Program and the Pathways to Prosperity Work-based Learning Group. Check out the Battelle for Kids website for all information by clicking [here](#).

To register directly, click [here](#).

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