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The Collaborative Welcomes Eagle County!

Serving Pre-K through 12th grade students from Vail to Dotsero, including Red Cliff, McCoy, and Bond. Eagle County Schools is an innovative district comprised of 830 professionals engaging nearly 7,000 students. Their vision is to prepare all students to be global-ready graduates, who will be successful in their careers or college experience and

contribute to their communities in positive and effective ways. The District benchmarks international top performing schools to model practices that lead to success for all students. Eagle County believes that the only way to improve learning outcomes for students is through better instruction. Consequently, they focus their efforts on an instructional core of educators, learners, and standards. All actions, initiatives, and efforts are viewed through this lens with the expectation that they must shape one of these three tenets in order to be effective. To learn more about Eagle County, click [here](#).

Rural Summit Survey

Please respond to a 5-question survey on the Rural Summit by **Monday, February 27th**.

To take the survey, click [here](#).

Celebrating a Successful Rural Teacher Recruitment Immersion Experience in Custer County, CO!

Eleven prospective teachers gathered in Custer County last Wednesday to explore the possibilities of life and teaching in rural Colorado. They hailed from Durango, Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Greeley, and Gunnison and represented seven different Colorado universities. To learn more about the event, click [here](#).



Overall, the Immersion Experiences have allowed 39 teacher candidates to experience rural Colorado culture and teaching. Six districts from across the South Central BOCES have hosted candidates, and many candidates who might not have otherwise considered rural positions are now including small districts in their job searches.



Leveraging the Fifth Day for Learning in Rural Colorado: A Call for Applications

The Donnell-Kay Foundation is seeking interest from rural Colorado communities with a four-day school week ("4DSW") who are excited to think differently about leveraging their fifth day for student learning that is meaningful, relevant, and community-driven.

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

Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents - Partnering Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Local School Systems - Pueblo West, CO

On March 28, 2017, at 8 a.m, this eight-hour awareness-level course for school administrators and emergency responders will educate rural law enforcement personnel as well as school administrators and staff to effectively respond to an emergency involving a school building or an entire school system.

The training will provide representatives of rural law enforcement departments with a foundation of knowledge and skills that will enable them to progressively establish a school-based emergency response plan and crisis management team through information sharing and training.

All participants must register by **March 14, 2017**. To ensure your spot in the course, click [here](#).

Genesis Groups Launched!

Discover, Connect, and Share resources and future opportunities through CREC Genesis Groups, including: Teacher Recruitment and Retention, Teacher and Leader Efficacy, STEM, Student Centered Accountability, Social Emotional Learning and At Risk Students, and College and Career Readiness. To learn more, click [here](#).

For more information, please contact [Denille LePlatt](#).

Upcoming Grants:

2017 School Counselor Corps Grant RFP Now Available

The 2017-18 School Counselor Corps Grant Request for Proposal (RFP) is now available for local education agencies to apply for funding and increase the availability and implementation of effective school-based counseling within secondary schools. This RFP is being released but is contingent upon enacting pending additional appropriations to the School Counselor Corps program.

The anticipated level of funding available is about \$500,000, for approximately 15 grant awards. Within the first year of the four-year grant cycle individual awards will range between \$25,000 and \$50,000. The first year of the grant will focus on program development, needs assessment and direct services. In the second, third, and fourth years of the grant, successful grantees will receive up to \$80,000 per funded school.

Applications are due **Tuesday, March 7**.

Diagnostic Review and Improvement Planning Grant

Generation Schools Network (GSN) has been formally approved by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) to be a provider for Diagnostic Review and Unified Improvement Planning (UIP). Through this collaborative process, schools and districts have the opportunity for intensive and sustained improvement support that will focus on the Standards and Indicators for Continuous School Improvement, including: standards and instructional planning, best first instruction, assessment of & for learning, tiered support, leadership, culture & climate, educator effectiveness, and establishing continuous improvement. For more information on GSN support and costs, click [here](#).

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