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New Member District

The CREC Welcomes Fleming School District!

Located in Northeast Colorado, Fleming School District serves approximately 200 students in K-12 grades. Fleming prides itself on and having a "can-do" attitude that is prevalent in their community. Currently, Fleming is working alongside the "Keep Moving: Northeast BOCES" initiative to create an improvement plan capable of better serving the needs of the school and community. Fleming Elementary has been awarded the Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award for showing exceptional student growth per state standards and evaluations.



Grant Opportunities

Expelled and At-Risk Student Services (EARSS) Grant

Applications due: **March 15, 2019**

Letter of Intent is due upon interest in applying.

The office of Dropout Prevention and Student Re-Engagement is releasing this grant opportunity to reduce risk factors for dropping out of school. Grant services will focus on the 15% of students most at risk. The risk factors that are the focus

of the EARSS grant are student behaviors resulting in disciplinary action and absenteeism resulting in truancy.

If you are interested in applying or have questions, please contact Brittney Ames at brittney@generationschools.org for more information.

Genesis Group Updates

Teacher Recruitment & Retention

Immersion Program for School Psychologists & Counselors - Apply Now!

The immersion is a 5-day experience in southeast Colorado where graduate students will meet principals, teachers, families, students, mental health agencies and providers, nonprofit organizations, and others to learn about rural life, culture, schools, advantages of working in rural schools, community assets and challenges, and mental health needs in the area.

Application Deadline: **February 1, 2019**

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

Student-Centered Accountability Program (S-CAP)

S-CAP Featured in Denver Post!

The Student-Centered Accountability Program (S-CAP) was recently featured in an Opinion Editorial in the Denver Post. S-CAP is a work group of the 60 district Colorado Rural Education Collaborative facilitated by Generation Schools Network. For more on the CREC, please visit our [website](#). S-CAP is designed to make school accountability more relevant to and actionable for local stakeholders while taking into account small "n" size.



The article is written by Lisa Yates, Superintendent of the Buena Vista School District and S-CAP founding member, and Colorado Education Initiative President, Rebecca Holmes. The article, "It's time to change Colorado's school accountability system," reviews the history of Colorado's accountability system and the need for the next step in its evolution. You can find the article [here](#).

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.



Thanks to the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation and the Nathan Yip Foundation for supporting this important work!

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

We will be kicking off Advocacy / SEL Training #3 for the SEL Rural Expansion Grant Districts soon, but we would like to share some self-care resources with all of our rural districts.



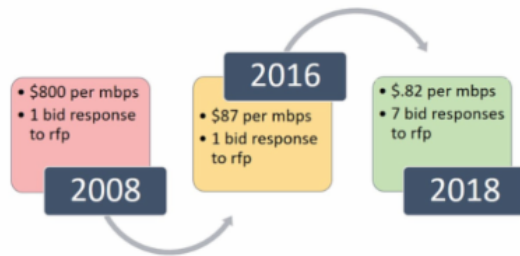
Resources to Help Teachers with Self-Care

The Association of American Educators has compiled a list of resources to help teachers with their physical, emotional and mental health! You can check out their entire list [here](#). Below are some of our favorites:

[Edutopia's](#) list of 7 self-care strategies includes an important reminder that not all self-care routines look the same! There is no one way to take care of yourself, find routines that work well for YOU.

[ReachOut.com](#) walks you through the different areas of creating a self-care plan, and includes a printable [PDF](#) so you can design a program that works for you.

STEM



CO Rural Districts Achieve Lower Broadband Costs

Colorado Education Broadband Coalition (CEBC) was founded through the collaborative efforts of rural districts--joining many smaller districts to achieve pricing closer to the large urban districts. The CEBC achieved that and are close to being a 50GB broadband purchasing customer with member pricing at or better than urban peers. Founding members include Northeast and East Central BOCES along with Steamboat Springs School District. CEBC works closely with Colorado Department of Education, State of Colorado-OIT, Education SUPERHIGHWAY, Colorado BOCES Association, Rural Alliance, CASE-CALET and CASB as a Steering Committee.

There is no cost or obligation to join. Providing an LOA to the CEBC allows them to ask for a bid on your behalf. You can decide to use that bid or use your own!

Contact [Arlene Salyards](#) for more information or click [here](#) to read testimonials from several BOCES and school districts across Colorado.

If you would like to join the CREC conversation, please contact Kirk Banghart at kbanghart@generationschools.org.

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](#).



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!

February 11 - Monte Vista SSR (rescheduled)

Register [here](#)

February 13 - Haxtun SSR

Register [here](#)

March 11-12 - Holyoke SSR

Register [here](#)

April 3 - Fleming SSR

Registration coming soon!

April 8 - Kit Carson SSR

Register [here](#)

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

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

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