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Welcome back to the second half of the 2021-2022 school year. Our staff at the CREC hope you were able to enjoy the holidays and that second semester is off to a great start! Please enjoy the contents of our newsletter that updates you on the latest efforts across our Genesis Groups. We welcome your participation in the efforts of the CREC and want to give a shout-out to those that have been partners in the work of the CREC to bring equity to rural Colorado.

Upcoming Events



Monday, Feb. 28, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Colorado Statewide Principal Professional Learning Community (PLC)

[Generation Schools Network](#) and the [Colorado Rural Education Collaborative](#) have come together to provide a 60-minute, monthly Principal PLC to learn from and work with principals across the state. Join dozens of leaders across the state to discuss topics that align with the school calendar and have opportunities to consider ideas to advance your efforts around Family Engagement Strategies, College and Career Readiness, STEM, and more!

Have a topic you would appreciate putting forward for problem-solving or gaining collective wisdom? You can indicate that in the registration form!

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Tuesday, April 26, I-76 Partnerships for Prosperity - Entrepreneurship Fair

Do you have students who are potential entrepreneurs or have a business idea they would like to try? GSN has partnered with WeThrive to provide a FREE Curriculum and app to guide students as well as make investments in their ideas. GSN is partnering with Ogalla Commons to support students at this event, sponsored by OtterCares, to provide an opportunity for students to share their ideas with the business community, win prizes, and receive coaching and feedback. Get your students involved by contacting [Elliot Zettas](#) or [Gina Angelini](#).

Watch for announcements - dates for more events coming soon!

- Soft Skills Workshop
- Summer Jobs Fair
- STEM Careers for Middle School

Redefining Rural - New Episode Alert!



Lauren Votruba and Jennifer Nesselhuf of the Santa Fe Trail BOCES discuss their Pathways to Prosperity College and Career Readiness program. Listen [here](#) and [follow Redefining Rural on social media](#)! For a visual of the Santa Fe Trail BOCES Pathway to Prosperity, click [here](#).

Genesis Group Updates

Social Emotional Learning & Students At-Risk

Join [Generation Schools Network](#) and [One Chance to Grow Up](#) on **February 15th** for an SEL forum on preventing substance use. They'll share resources to inform and educate you so that you can advocate for kids in your community. They'll also talk about how coping skills, good decision-making, and healthy relationships can prevent drug use in teens and provide specific strategies you can implement right away.

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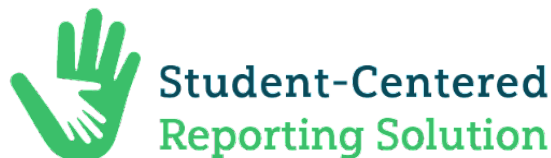
The American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado are offering an incredible learning opportunity for middle school students. Teachers will be paired with an ACEC mentor in an experiential learning adventure. Through the engineering design process and working with ACEC Colorado Foundation mentors, students will learn about project management, teamwork, systems thinking, and other real-world problem-solving skills.



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Student-Centered Accountability and Reporting

Student-Centered Reporting Solution Website Launched



The Student-Centered Reporting Solution is a homegrown technology solution that currently serves districts across Colorado and beyond, bringing together education leaders, researchers, policymakers, technology funders, and programmers to remove persistent barriers to addressing equity in education. This grassroots effort leverages the national community of over 11,900 districts in 32 states using the Ed-Fi data standard, creating insightful and timely reports that can be used to engage the local community and achieve equitable, student-centered teaching and learning.

Upcoming feature releases:

1. Competency-based essential skills preparation
2. Special Education tracking

Learn more at studentcenteredreporting.org

Teacher Recruitment & Retention

Colorado Center for Rural Education 2022 Application Due Dates

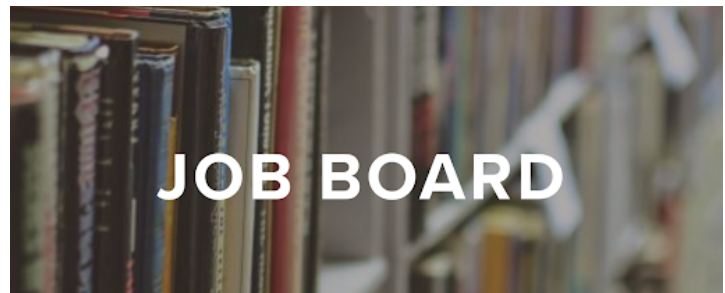


There are many educator stipend opportunities available to schools and districts in rural Colorado, across a variety of programmatic initiatives!

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Post your job openings for 2021-22!

The CREC advertises job openings on the CREC website and through a monthly job openings e-blast that 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](#). To take off a job posting that has been filled, email sbommer@generationschools.org.

Opportunities for Funding & Resources

CDE Computer Science Grants - March 11, 2022

Not sure how to get computer science going in your school or district or how to expand current efforts? Through help from the CREC, numerous districts have engaged in educating teachers (all ages/subjects) about computer science through a professional learning community and purchasing fun and engaging coding kits and software to engage students. [For more information, visit the Computer Science webpage](#) and call or email [Kirk Banghart](#).

Deadline For Free Books For Read Across America Day - Feb 11, 2022!



The Literacy Empowerment Foundation (LEF), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, invites your school or other literacy project to apply for FREE books for Read Across America Day. During the past year, LEF has distributed over 3,000,000 books to schools all across the country for Read Across America Day and other literacy projects.

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Women’s Foundation seeking Applicants for Funding!

The Women's Foundation of Colorado is excited to share that criteria, application questions, timeline & FAQ for our Women & Girls of Color Fund 2022 rural cycle are available now! Applications are open through February 9, 2022.

[Visit this website](#) to learn more and please share widely to help us reach as many women, girl, and nonbinary leaders of color across Rural Colorado as possible!

La solicitud de subvención y información adicional serán disponible [en español](#). Por favor ayudenos y comparta esta oportunidad de subvenciones con su comunidad.



Contact Us!



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