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CREC's COVID-19 Scenario Planning for Re-opening Schools

We are consistently adapting to the evolving crisis around COVID-19 and its impact on our schools, students, and staff. We have recently created workshops to assist schools in creating their reopening plans. Please click [here](#) for information on our offerings!

Rural Superintendents sign OpEd on "The Essentialness of Schools in a Crisis"!

Last month, we submitted an OpEd to Chalkbeat and The Denver Post in response to the current Coronavirus crisis. "The Essentialness of Schools in a Crisis" has been drafted in the Colorado Rural Education Collaborative and signed by over 20 rural superintendents! To read it, [click here](#).



Highlights from Redefining Rural Roundtable (RRR) #2 and #3 !

On May 8th and 29th, leaders from many rural communities met to discuss best practices for schooling during the COVID-19 crisis at our virtual Rural Roundtable! Topics discussed were providing special education services, instructing special populations, and social/emotional supports. Leaders shared that they have added job-alike meetings for teachers to share ideas and resources, Universal Design for Learning, and stories that their students and staff are raising money for families in need! RRR #3 focused on beginning conversations on reopening for 2020-2021. To read the notes from Session #2, click [here](#). To read the notes from Session #3, click [here](#).

New Redefining Rural Podcast! COVID-19 Meets Rural Resiliency

In the May 2020 episode of Redefining Rural, Kirk, Michelle, and Denille discuss the current state of rural education amid the COVID-19 pandemic, celebrating the resiliency of rural school districts along the way. Did you know Redefining Rural is celebrating one year since its launch? The support from listeners is overwhelming and Redefining Rural is grateful to be able to provide this platform to elevate, celebrate, and change the way we think about rural



education in our state. You can find all of our past twelve episodes on your favorite podcast platform, or download it from [PodBean](#).

Daniels Fund Honors Youth Volunteers

Do you know a student or student group who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the promotion of philanthropy and volunteerism through his/her work in the community? Whether it has been recently because of the COVID-19 public health issue, or any time in a student's life, now is the time to nominate them for the [Colorado National Philanthropy Day](#) awards campaign. There is no cost to be nominated and the Outstanding Youth and Youth Group each receive a \$3,000 award sponsored by the Daniels Fund.

Hear from Isaac Solano who was named the 2008 Youth of The Year and was a leader in the 2008 Youth Group of the Year with the Denver North High Ethics Club. (Captions are available in both English and Spanish; just click on Settings to turn them on.) To view the video, click [here](#).

Join us in celebrating students across our state who are making a difference in their community, and nominate them for Colorado National Philanthropy Day. In addition to acknowledging their work, you will help them be recognized for volunteerism and philanthropy, giving them important confidence as they continue in life!

Genesis Group Updates

College and Career Readiness

Generation Schools Network continues to work alongside the Santa Fe Trail (SFT) BOCES (6 districts), partners Battelle for Kids and Ogallala Commons through the Colorado Rural Education Collaborative to develop the Pathway to Prosperity Project in the SFT BOCES. You can see the SFT Pathway to Prosperity [here](#) which aims to expand college and career readiness programming for students in the SFT BOCES. During this past spring semester, GSN worked with partners to hold the first of three North Star meetings aimed at building a consensus around the most essential skills that students should develop as part of this program. The second North Star meeting will take place in late summer and will include strategies to improve online/remote learning for the fall semester.



If you are interested in support for developing a college/career pathway across your BOCES or clustered group of rural districts, please let Kirk know. Special thanks to the Gates Family Foundation for their support of this effort to bring equity around college/career preparation to rural Colorado communities.

Social Emotional Learning & At-risk Students: New Units Available

We are excited to announce our new SEL unit, [Coping with Crisis](#), is now available for elementary, middle, and high school students. During this unit, students will learn about the importance of resilience following a difficult time, learn to identify and

understand emotions, and create positive healthy coping strategies or outlets for big emotions. At the end of the unit, students will complete a group project to show what they have learned. Also, be sure to stay tuned for our next series on *Exploring Culture, Identity, and Social Justice* - coming soon!

Interested in exploring Social Emotional Learning in your District?

Please contact Kirk Banghart at kbanghart@generationschools.org no later than June 10 if you would like to be included in a grant to secure funding for social emotional learning.

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).

You can learn more about the S-CAP program and services offered by clicking [here](#) or watching the video at this [link](#)!



Teacher Recruitment and Retention

We advertise job openings on the CREC website and once a month, a job openings e-blast 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](#) .

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