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### Live from The National Forum to Advance Rural Education



S-CAP presented as part of the "A new foundations for accountability" meeting in Aurora on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Lisa Yates (pictured), Superintendent from Buena Vista, a S-Cap founding district, spoke to a group of more than a hundred educators, policy makers, and parent groups, as to the key components of S-CAP. Representatives from Mass., California and Texas also shared their ideas around innovations in accountability.

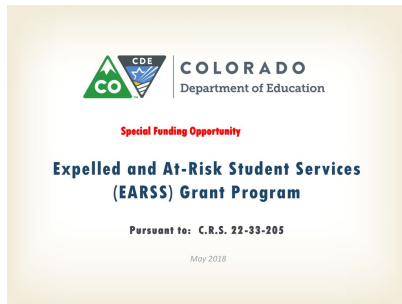
### Rural Podcast: Redefining Rural

Listen to our podcast series sponsored by Colorado State University-Global Campus and hosted by the Colorado Business Roundtable. Each episode focuses on a new topic impacting rural education today and bringing awareness to the rural education sector. The [most recent episode](#) comes from the recent conference, the National Forum to Advance Rural Education. Join- Kirk Banghart with the Colorado Rural Education Collaborative, Michelle Murphy with the Colorado Rural Alliance and Denille Laplatt with the Colorado Department of Education as they talk to three experts of note from the conference.



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.

## Upcoming Grants



**GSN can support CREC districts in applying for and implementing CDE grants, including 2 upcoming opportunities:**

**The Expelled and At-Risk Student Services Grant (EARSS)** assists in providing educational and supportive, early intervention services to students who are expelled or suspended, at-risk of expulsion or suspension, truant or at-risk of habitual truancy. This grant provides four years of funding, starting at approximately \$3,000/student in Years

1 and 2 before decreasing toward sustainability. The Intent to Apply is due in January 2020 and the grant will be due in March 2020. Among other strategies, GSN has designed a case management approach that places full-time Advocates in the school to provide support to students and parents and works with schools and districts throughout the implementation process.

### **21st Century Community Learning Centers**

is a CDE grant program designed to support districts in providing students opportunities for academic enrichment, offering students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities after school and in the summer, as well as offering families opportunities for active and meaningful engagement in their children's education. The grant provides up to five years of funding at approximately \$50-150,000 per year. The Intent to Apply is due in February 2020 and the grant will be due in April 2020.



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## Genesis Group Updates

### Teacher Recruitment & Retention



Congratulations to East Central BOCES for winning a CDE Teacher Recruitment & Retention Grant! EC BOCES Districts math teachers will be offered master's degrees in Teaching & Learning with an emphasis in math from Colorado State University - Global Campus, participate in professional development and professional learning communities as a cohort with support from the University of Denver and Generation Schools Network. They join the San Luis Valley BOCES and the Northeast BOCES in addressing the challenge of teacher recruitment and retention related to math.

CREC Website Job Board

**REMINDER:** 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](#).

### **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). Check the SSR dates on the S-CAP [website](#), register and bring teachers with you. Teachers have said that attending an SSR is some of the most valuable PD they have ever experienced.



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

### **Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)**

#### **A Six Week Yoga Session Anyone?**



*A yoga instructor teaches two young students.*

GSN in partnership with SoundOff, has been awarded a grant from the Colorado Health Foundation to provide six weeks of 2x/week after school workout sessions to rural districts during the 2019-2020 school year and throughout the summer. Check out the Sound Off website to see what it looks like. If you are interested in offering afterschool yoga for students (and families + staff), please contact [Brittney Ames](#).

#### **Monthly SEL Forum**

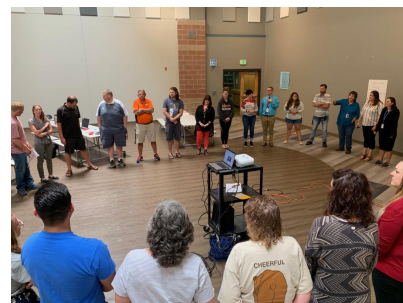
If you are interested in learning and collaborating with others around SEL implementation in your school, please join the Monthly SEL Forum. The next SEL forum will be **December 17, 2019**. You can join the call by using this link: <https://zoom.us/j/552008403>

#### **SEL Expansion Grant Updates**

The CREC is continuing the work of the Rural Expansion Project for Social Emotional Learning! The participating districts started out the year with a refresher training on the importance of SEL in schools and its positive effect on academics, behavior, and credit acquisition.

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 and assessment.

The CREC will continue to offer opportunities for new districts to participate. If you are a district



interested in participating in social/emotional learning, please contact [Kirk Banghart](#) for more information.

*Weld Central HS staff gathers in a circle to practice one of the essential components of Advocacy!*

## **College and Career Readiness**

### **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](#)

### **Coming soon!**

Watch for opportunities for your students to experience life on the University of Colorado Boulder campus.

Join the CREC at Winter CASE to learn more about the College/Career Readiness Pathway in Santa Fe Trail BOCES and how the six districts are partnering to provide opportunities for their students in the form of Entrepreneurship Camps and Fairs, Career Cab, Work-based Learning Scenarios, Internships and more.

## **STEM**



### **Denver Museum of Nature and Science FREE Curiosity Kits:**

A crate full of Museum goodness will be delivered with everything you need to lead unforgettable science experiences in your classroom. Your kit arrives Monday with curriculum and supplies to use with up to 105 students throughout the week. Learn more [here](#).

### **Lost Worlds of Colorado**

Dig in and explore real fossils, gather scientific evidence, and recreate dioramas for Denver ancient environments. (Grades 2-5).

### **Built to Fly**

Take flight in a design challenge that has students use inspiration from nature to build and test their own gliders. (Grades 2-5)

### **Powered by Nature**

Light up Colorado with this strategy-based board game that challenges students to work together to responsibly power up the state's electrical grid. (Grades 4-8)

[Book now](#) to reserve your spot, and remember to use the promo code: freecuriosity to get your 100% discount at checkout. If you have any questions about booking or availability, please call 303-370-6453!

***If you would like to join the work of one of the CREC's Genesis Work Groups, please contact [Kirk Banghart](#).***

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## 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](#).**

**Tuesday - Wednesday, December 3-4, 2019**

Haxtun

[Register here](#)

**Monday, December 9, 2019**

Buffalo

[Register here](#)

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

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## Contact Us!

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