

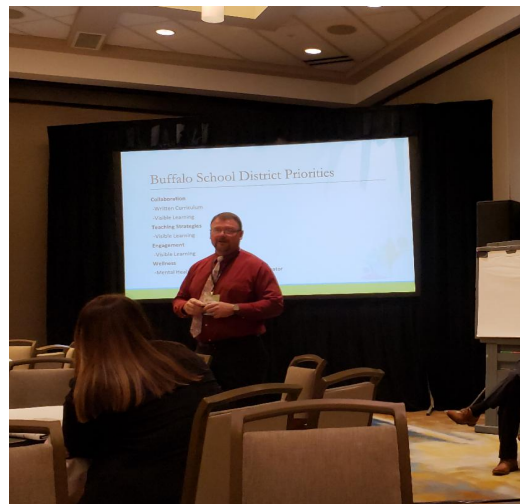
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Annual National Forum for the Advancement of Rural Education (NFARE) Conference

Recently, the CREC met with Michael Chamberlain from the USDOE on ways to support and provide opportunities for rural schools at the NFARE Conference as part of its membership in the Rural National Collaborative which includes collaboratives from 14 different states across the United States. Colorado represented well, providing the third largest delegation of attendees overall at the conference offering half a dozen workshops related to progress in rural education. Included in the offerings



were workshops on the Student-Centered Accountability Program, the Pathway to Prosperity college/career readiness track being developed in the Santa Fe Trail BOCES and teacher retention.

Also featured at NFARE: The CREC, CASE, CASB the Rural Alliance and CDE all participated in an interactive panel discussion that explored the relationship among leading state organizations as they collaborate to support rural education across Colorado.



Thank You to System Site Reviewers (SSR) for the Student-Centered Accountability Program!

The CREC would like to thank the many teachers, principals, and superintendents who have participated in this year's S-CAP Site Reviews, and the many more still to come. We appreciate all of the hard work and collaboration that helps our schools improve and enables students across rural Colorado to thrive! Interested in being a reviewer at an upcoming SSR? Contact kpeyton@generationschools.org for more details.

EASI Grant Writing Help

Generation Schools Network CREC helps schools understand their options and supports grant writing for EASI Grants. If you would like help or want further information, contact [Kirk Banghart](#).

Genesis Group Updates

How Are Schools Funded?



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 latest episode is centered around [school funding](#). Special guests include Lisa Weil, Executive Director of

Great Education Colorado and Glenn McClain, Superintendent of Platte Valley School District. Join Michelle Murphy of Colorado Rural Alliance and Denille LePlatt of Rural Services at the Colorado Department of Education as we talk about how Colorado schools are funded, as well as why you should vote yes on Proposition CC.

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](#).

If you would like to join the work of one of the CREC's Genesis Work

Groups, please contact Kirk Banghart at kbanghart@generationschools.org.

Teacher Recruitment & Retention

CREC Website Job Board

REMINDER: We advertise job openings on the CREC website and once a month, a job openings newsletter 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) this coming year. Check the SSR dates on the S-CAP [website](#) and register and bringing 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?

GSN in partnership with SoundOff, has been awarded a grant from the Colorado Health Foundation to provide six weeks of 2x/week afterschool workout sessions



to rural districts during the 2019-2020 school year and throughout the summer. Check [their website](#) out to see what it looks like . If you are interested in offering afterschool yoga for students (and families + staff), please contact [Brittney Ames](#). Six week package includes use of equipment, music, coach to lead sessions and provides an opportunity for training for two student interns and a teacher who will also receive a stipend. It's a much better option than detention for struggling students and a great opportunity for all students as different levels of engagement are provided. Our

experience? Students love it!! Don't delay, sessions are going fast...

The CREC is excited to be kicking-off Year 2 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.



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

The CREC is in the process of obtaining more funds for Districts to implement this type of work. If you are a district interested in participating in this work, please contact [Kirk Banghart](#) for more information.

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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](#)

STEM Genesis Group Updates

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!

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](#) .

Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 11-12, 2019

Monte Vista

[Register here](#)

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

Contact Us!

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