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**CREC Membership Surpasses 75 districts! Welcome to Our New Districts!**



**Mountain Valley School District RE-1**

The CREC welcomes [Mountain Valley School District](#) as our 74th member district! Located in Saguache County, CO, Mountain Valley School District serves approximately 173 students in grades PK-12. Their mission is *to provide a welcoming, safe, and inclusive community while building relationships and supporting lifelong learning.*

**Creede Consolidated School District 1**

The CREC also welcomes [Creede School District](#) as our 75th member district! Creede School District serves approximately 81 PK-12 students in Mineral County, CO. The goal of the Creede School district is *to encourage & inspire students to achieve academic excellence, build character, & discover a life-long love of learning.*



We look forward to working with Mountain Valley and Creede on the work of The Student-Centered Reporting Solution.

## Redefining Rural - New Episode Alert!



Look for the next episode in the first week of November, it will focus on the exciting college and career readiness activities and skills being developed across the Santa Fe Trail BOCES districts. Be sure to [follow Redefining Rural on social media!](#)

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021, 7:30AM - Friday, Nov 12, 2021, 3:15PM**

### **National Forum to Advance Rural Education**

GSN staff will be presenting on a variety of topics relevant to rural education around the nation.

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**Monday, Nov. 29, 10:00 - 11:00 AM and Monday, Dec 13, 10:00 - 11:00 AM**

### **Colorado Statewide Principal Professional Learning Community (PLC)**

If you would appreciate the opportunity to join a monthly 60-90 minute guided opportunity to learn from and collaborate with other principals across the state, Generation Schools Network and the Colorado Rural Education Collaborative are bringing you the opportunity during the 2021-2022 school year. Being a principal is one of the most challenging jobs that exists, and we want to make sure you aren't leading alone!

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**Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021, 7:30 AM - Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021, 3:30 PM**

### **Colorado Association of School Boards Annual Convention**

Join GSN's Kirk Banghart as he presents on "The Impacts of Integrating Work-based Learning Into Your School & Community".

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**Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021, 4:00 - 5:30 PM**

### **The Importance of Mindfulness SEL Forum**

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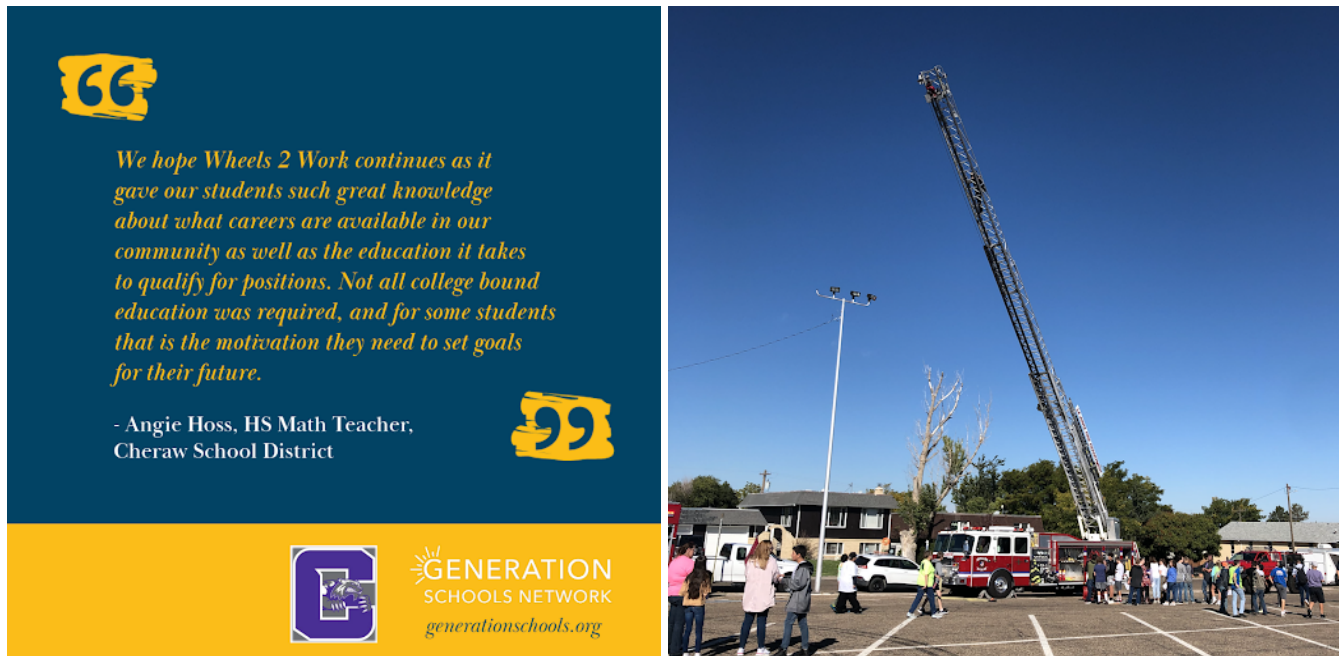
**Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021, 4:00 - 5:30 PM**

### **Self-Care For Teachers SEL Forum**

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## Genesis Group Updates

### College and Career Readiness



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*We hope Wheels 2 Work continues as it gave our students such great knowledge about what careers are available in our community as well as the education it takes to qualify for positions. Not all college bound education was required, and for some students that is the motivation they need to set goals for their future.*

- Angie Hoss, HS Math Teacher,  
Cheraw School District

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#### First Inaugural Wheels 2 Work Event is a Success!

Students across the Santa Fe Trail BOCES gathered to participate in a Wheels 2 Work College and Career Readiness event as part of the [six-district Pathways 2 Prosperity effort](#). Hundreds of middle school students had the opportunity to learn about careers in their community in which vehicles are central to operation. Students spoke with businesses, organizations, and agencies while observing their vehicles which ranged from city and utility vehicles to farm and ranch and health care. Special shout out to Brush School District, which shared their learning in how to produce a successful Wheels 2 Work event.

### Social Emotional Learning & Students At-Risk

#### Openings for SEL Implementation Support!

We have two spots available for rural districts for this school year to receive support with SEL implementation! If your district or school needs support with implementation of an evidence-based SEL program (planning, integration, professional development, curriculum, coaching and assessment), or would like to expand your SEL initiatives this year by claiming one of these spots, please contact [Ellen Sarkisian](#) or [Kirk Banghart](#).



## STEM Implementation

A great way to re-engage learners and give your students more access to STEM careers is by providing them with learning quests that interest them and reinforce academic skills as they solve crises of various proportions. Don't miss the opportunity to give your students FREE access to LearningBlade. Check it out [here](#). If you are interested in signing up your school or district, contact [Elliot Zettas](#) or [Kirk Banghart](#).

## Student-Centered Accountability and Reporting



Join the national conversation on student-centered reporting at the National Forum To Advance Rural Education, being held in Indianapolis from November 10-12. GSN's Kirk Banghart will be presenting with June Marcel (Gluona) and Caitlin Scott (Marzano) on Achieving Student-Centered, Community-Connected, Meaningful Education Reporting. For registration information, [click here](#).

## Grant Opportunities

### Empowering Action for School Improvement (EASI)

CDE is now accepting applications to distribute *extensive funding* to high need districts and schools across the state based on its federally approved Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) state plan.

According to CDE's school designations for the 2021 - 2022 school year, which also apply for the 2022-2023 school year, your school or district could qualify for one of these funding pathways. CDE offers a number of different grant options, through a grant application called EASI, to schools included on this list, and your eligibility for these funding opportunities could lead to significant new resources for your students, teachers, and administrators.

Schools with the following designations qualify:

- Comprehensive Support (CS) for lowest 5% OR low graduation
- Targeted Support (specific student group(s) identified for intervention)
- Additional Targeted Support (specific student group(s) identified for intervention which would also qualify in the lowest 5%)
- Priority Improvement or Turnaround Rating on SPF

GSN's grants team has significant experience writing and implementing these grants, and would be happy to assist you with considering the EASI grant processes. GSN is an approved provider of EASI services. Reach out to [Kirk Banghart](#) by **November 5th** to explore your options.

## Nathan Yip Foundation

The Nathan Yip Foundation (NYF) is seeking proposals to select ONE compelling project to feature during the live appeal portion of our annual fundraising gala. NYF's biggest fundraiser of the year is our Chinese-themed Lunar New Year party, with a funding focus in rural Colorado. NYF is seeking ideas from the school community! Full project cost should be approximately \$40,000. As the selected school or district you will not be receiving funding until February 2022, project implementation must be after funding is received.

Keep in mind that this is a crowd-funded LIVE appeal. Projects should be easy for non-education professionals to understand and get excited about. All requests must be from K-12 schools and districts in a rural Colorado community. For examples of past live appeal projects, see here:

- [Home Visit Program in the San Luis Valley Center](#)
- [Chromebooks for Byers Elementary School](#)

To submit your idea, simply email us a one-page letter talking about your school, community, details or your project, and the amount of funding you are seeking. We'll let you know if we have any questions and, if selected, we will work with you on final details. Letters can be emailed to [tarika@nathanyipfoundation.org](mailto:tarika@nathanyipfoundation.org) - must be received by **Friday, November 19, 2021 at 5:00pm MST**.

## Teacher/Leader Efficacy

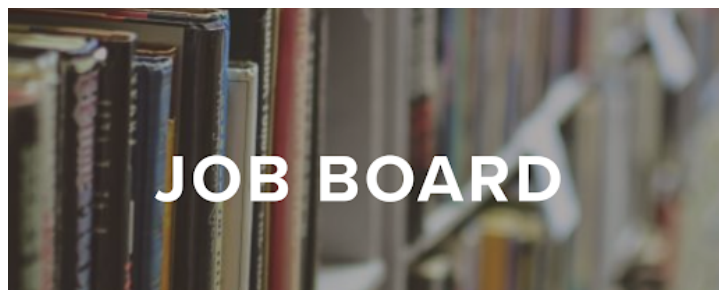


### Next Superintendent's Roundtable

The next roundtable will be on November 18th from 2-3pm! - Check your email for an invitation from Michelle, Denille, or Kirk!

## Teacher Recruitment & Retention

The CREC advertises job openings on the CREC website and through a monthly job openings eblast 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](mailto:sbommer@generationschools.org).

## Contact Us!



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