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### Welcome Hanover to the CREC!

The Hanover School District is located just south of Colorado Springs and includes an elementary school, a junior / senior high school, and an online academy. Students in Hanover's 21st Century Afterschool Program access unique opportunities that also provide life skills such as meal planning and connecting netbook computer to SMART board technology. Hanover recently received a Student Stability Grant to help address challenges with the portion of their student body that demonstrates high mobility and is a member of the Student-Centered Accountability Program (S-CAP). Interested in learning more about the district? Join them for their S-CAP System Site Review on Jan. 16, 2020. Register [here](#).



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Congratulations to CREC Members on Winning the [Colorado Succeeds Prize](#):

- Salida School District's Longfellow Elementary won the prize for Transformational Impact by an Elementary School
- LaVeta High School received the prize for Transformational Impact by a High School
- The School Pathways & SystemsGo Program at Cañon City High School received the prize for Excellence in STEM Education.

Congratulations to all and way to go in representing rural education!

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### **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](#).

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### **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](#)

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## **Genesis Group Updates**

### **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.

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.



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

## **Teacher Leader Efficacy**

### **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.

Our most recent episode is centered around [Women in Leadership](#) . Special guests include Carrie Yantzer, Director of Professional Learning and Operations at Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE), and Linda Reed, Superintendent at Archuleta School District. Join Michelle Murphy of Colorado Rural Alliance, Kirk Banghart of Colorado Rural Education Collaborative, and Denille LePlatt of Rural Services at the Colorado Department of Education as we talk about the importance of diverse leadership in rural education.

Catch this episode on YouTube at [cobrt.com/live](https://cobrt.com/live) .

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](mailto:kbanghart@generationschools.org) .

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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](#) .**

#### **Wednesday, October 9**

West Grand

[Register here](#)

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

### **National Forum for Advancing Rural Education!**

This year's Rural Forum will take place **October 24-26** in **Louisville, Kentucky** at the **Louisville Downtown Marriott** .

**Registration is open for All Attendees.** Two CREC Genesis Groups will be presenting their work, the Student-Centered Accountability Program and the Pathways to Prosperity Work-based Learning Group. Check out the Battelle for Kids website for all information by clicking [here](#).

To register directly, click [here](#).

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## Contact Us!

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