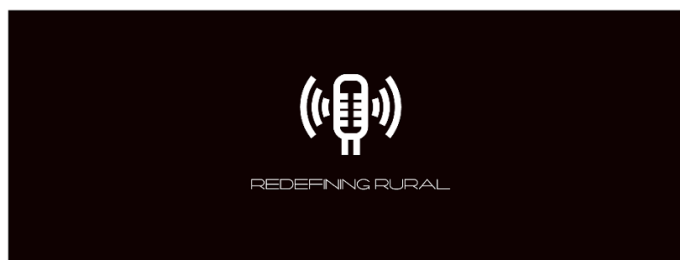


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***Redefining Rural* - New Episode Alert!**



Redefining Rural is back for season three! Join Michelle, Denille, and Kirk to hear about the upcoming season and be sure to [follow Redefining Rural on social media!](#)

Upcoming Events!

October 14th, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Superintendent Redefining Rural Roundtable

The roundtable will focus on strategies for managing difficult conversations in your district.

Register [here](#).

November 11-12

National Forum to Advance Rural Education

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

For registration information, [click here](#).

Genesis Group Updates

College and Career Readiness

I-76 Corridor Convening Selects North Star Skills for Students!



GSN successfully hosted an I-76 collaboration meeting in Wiggins earlier this month. This meeting brought together superintendents, principals, teachers, students, business members, and community members from six respective communities. The collaboration consists of six school districts: Brush, Morgan County, Platte Valley, Weld RE3J, Weldon Valley, and Wiggins. The goal of this meeting was to answer this overarching question: *"What is the mismatch between skills students graduate with and skills local employers want?"* Through careful deliberation and discussion, the six regions identified three needed skills. These three main skills, also called North Star Skills, are: communication, leadership, and integrity. As GSN builds out college and career readiness programming with these districts, they will also ensure that these north star skills are embedded in these programs.

Student-Centered Accountability and Reporting - Now Available!



The Student-Centered Reporting Solution is a homegrown technology solution that currently serves districts across Colorado and beyond, bringing together education leaders, researchers, policy makers, technology funders and programmers to remove persistent barriers to addressing equity in education. Rather than being a product provided by a tech vendor, the project uses the EdFi standard to support the grassroots Colorado Rural Education Collaborative (CREC) efforts across districts in reporting out to their local communities in support of their vision to achieve equitable, student-centered teaching and learning. Learn more [here](#).

If you would like to consider whether the Student Centered Reporting Solution is right for your district or BOCES, contact [Kirk Banghart](#) or [Katie Peyton](#).

Social Emotional Learning & Students At-Risk



Amidst the COVID-19 crisis, ensuring every student receives SEL support became a major need for districts. Throughout the past year, all school districts/organizations implementing GSN's SEL programming had the opportunity to share resources and ideas throughout the community, and problem solve collaboratively. Although data collection was limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic, positive trends from SEL programming continued:

- 100% of all responding **students** feel that they have gained skills for school, work, and life through their Advocacy/SEL lessons.
- 86% of **students** surveyed perceive their Advocacy/SEL group to be a safe space.

- 98% of **teachers** surveyed feel that they have developed meaningful relationships with their Advocacy/SEL students.
- 97% of **teachers** feel that culture and climate are positively affected by a successful Advocacy/SEL program.

We have two spots available for this school year to implement SEL in your district! If you would like to expand your social emotional learning initiatives this year by claiming one of these spots, contact [Kirk Banghart](#) for more information.



GSN Team Participates in Arizona Rural Schools Association Annual Conference!

From September 16-18, GSN's Kirk Banghart and Jeff Fuller participated in the Arizona Rural Schools Association's Annual Conference! Along with Kristin Turner, Superintendent at the Paloma School District, they presented on how the power of collaboratives and Social Emotional Learning can assist in supporting disengaged students. To learn how GSN can assist your school in the coming year, contact [Alison Lauge](#).

STEM Implementation

Additional Professional Development for I-76 Corridor Teachers!

GSN followed up the I-76 collaboration meeting with a Professional Development (PD) opportunity for teachers. Teachers from all six districts participated in three separate PDs: Business Connected - Problem Based Learning, WeThrive Entrepreneurship, and Learning Blade (STEM Career Awareness). These PDs are essential in building the capacity of districts to offer more robust college and career readiness programming.



Teacher/Leader Efficacy



Grassroots Statewide Principal Professional Learning Community (PLC) Coming Soon!

GSN and the CREC invite you to join our monthly Principal PLC to collaborate with other principals across the state 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!

The format will include:

- light guidance from highly experienced principals,
- opportunities to ask questions and learn from one another in discussion groups or through consultancy protocols,
- exposure to conversations across the state,
- new opportunities you may not have been aware of for you, your students, families, and teachers the opportunity to attend every time or as often as it works for you or your team!

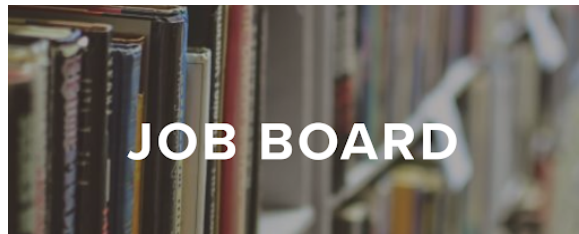
The trajectory for monthly sessions will be responsive to participant needs and generally follow the school year calendar. Potential topics include Family Engagement Strategies, College and Career Readiness, and STEM.

To receive monthly Zoom invitations and submit topics, please enter your information [here](#).

Teacher Recruitment & Retention

Post your job openings for 2020-21!

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.

Bullying Prevention and Education (BPEG) & Expelled and At-Risk Student Services (EARSS) Grant Opportunities Available!



The Colorado School Bullying Prevention and Education Grant Program (BPEG) is authorized to provide funding to reduce the frequency of bullying incidents. This includes:

1. Implementing evidence-based bullying prevention practices with fidelity;
2. Family and community involvement in school bullying prevention strategies;
3. Adopting specific policies concerning bullying education and prevention;
4. Using data to effectively problem solve local bullying concerns;
5. Developing/Adopting a team at each school to lead the bullying prevention

GSN can provide support for this program through a variety of measures. For more information, click [here](#).

The Expelled and At-Risk Student Services (EARSS) Grant seeks to reduce the incidence of attendance and behavior referrals, which are risk factors for dropping out of school. The EARSS grant program provides targeted intervention and educational services support directly to students who become expelled or suspended (but are still served by the district), are at-risk of being expelled or suspended, and/or are chronically absent.

If you would like to apply for support for one or both of these grants, which are due in early November, with support from GSN, please email [Kym Myers](#).

Contact Us!

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