



**Colorado Rural Education Collaborative progress to date:**

| <b>Idea</b>   | <b>Progress to Date</b>   |
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| <b>Professional Development for Rural Teachers</b>    | Share Fair Rural CO will host two convenings in rural CO this year, one in Rifle on October 7, and one in Pueblo on October 28. Rural teachers will be offered world-class professional development at no cost. Our partners at the Morgridge Family Foundation and Share Fair Nation are excited to share sessions focused on innovative technology, student advocacy/advisory, project-based learning, and other relevant topics chosen by rural teachers. At the Pueblo Share Fair convening, Collaborative superintendents will hold their annual meeting as well as participate in a teacher recruitment job fair. |
| <b>Rural Teacher Preparation</b>                      | The Collaborative won a grant in partnership with CSU—Global Campus and Santa Fe Trail (SFT) BOCES, to co-design a shared concurrent enrollment teacher credentialing and delivery system that meets the new Higher Education Commission standards (18 hours of graduate level credit in a content area). Once piloted successfully with SFT BOCES, the goal is to make this opportunity available to all Collaborative districts, with support from the CO Department of Higher Education (CDHE).  |
| <b>Teacher Recruitment and Retention</b>              | The Collaborative won a grant in partnership with CSU—Pueblo and South Central (SC) BOCES to pilot community immersion experiences for teaching candidates as research shows these experiences greatly increase the probability of rural placement. The initial pilot in Heurfano School District was a success and offered many lessons for the next pilots, planned for La Veta School District September 14-16, and Manzanola School District October 26-28. Eventually this teacher recruitment approach will be available for all Collaborative districts, with support from CDHE.                                 |
| <b>Instructional Support—Teacher Practice Network</b> | Through philanthropic support, the Collaborative has identified and selected 18 teacher leaders from Collaborative districts to participate in a peer-to-peer network focused on enhancing instructional practice through online badging, increasing instructional support across the Collaborative.  |
| <b>College/Career Pathways and Certifications</b>     | In partnership with the SCBOCES and the SFTBOCES, Generation Schools Network, Battelle for Kids, and Zero Dropouts submitted a Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative Grant proposal to secure funding to build a Medical Careers Pathway that will eventually expand across the Collaborative.  |

**Check out our new website for more information: [www.CORuralEdCollab.org](http://www.CORuralEdCollab.org)**



**Colorado Rural Education Collaborative Voice Heard at:**

- **Annual CASE Conference;** including member breakfast and rural session
- **USA Funds Pathways to Prosperity Workshop**
- Conversations with multiple parties in regard to making **Ascent Program** accessible to rural schools without penalty due to small “n” size
- Thought partnership with the **Student Centered Accountability Project**
- **Rural Education National Forum;** *Impacting Teacher Recruitment and Retention: The Rural Collaborative and Impacting the Lives of Expelled and Suspended Students in South-Central Colorado* Learning Sessions
- **National Grantmakers in Education 2016 Annual Conference;** *Rural Education Collaboratives: Closing Opportunity Gaps, Generating Prosperity* Snapshot Session