



Rural Education Council

Friday, November 6, 2015

Pikes Peak BOCES

2883 South Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Conference Room

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Agenda

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast/Networking

8:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.

Welcome, Introductions

Commissioner Remarks
Elliott Asp, Ph.D., Interim Commissioner

Recognition of Service to the Rural Education Council

Elliott Asp, Interim Commissioner, Colorado Dept. of Education
Tina Goar, Colorado Dept. of Education
Don Anderson, Executive Director, East Central BOCES
Troy Zabel, Superintendent, Bayfield School District
Ken Haptonstall, Ph.D., Superintendent, Garfield 16 School District
Scott Cuckow, Superintendent, Crowley County School District

8:50 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.

Local Overview, Pikes Peak BOCES

Deb Montgomery, Executive Director, Pikes Peak BOCES
Tim Kistler, Superintendent, Peyton School District

9:35 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

**Continued Conversation with the Department of Higher Education
Recruitment and Retention of Rural Educators**

Robert Mitchell, Ph.D., Department of Higher Education

9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Break

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**Western State Colorado University, Gunnison, Colorado
Educational Leadership/Teacher Programs
Recruitment and Retention of Rural Educators**

Gaye Jenkins, Ed.D., Chair Education Department, Dean of Graduate Studies,
Associate VP for Academic Affairs
Chris Benedetti, Ph.D., Dept. Co-Chair and Assistant Professor of
Educational Leadership
Brooke Hanks, Senior Lecturer of Teacher Education

- 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Professional Licensing Updates/Rural Perspectives**
Colleen O’Neill, Colorado Dept. of Education
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Lunch/Networking**
- 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. **Rural Education National Forum, Summary/Insights**
Tina Goar, Colorado Dept. of Education
John Knapp, Colorado Association of School Boards
Nathan Smith, Superintendent, Del Norte School District
Jhon Penn, Colorado Dept. of Education
John Condie, Colorado Dept. of Education
- Colorado Rural Education Collaborative Progress and Updates**
Tina Goar, Colorado Dept. of Education
Brad Mitchell, Battelle for Kids
John Knapp, Former Board Member, Rocky Ford School District
- National Rural Education Association Conference, Summary/Insights**
Tina Goar, Colorado Dept. of Education
- 12:45 p.m. – 1:05 p.m. **Closing the Achievement Gap Research Project with REL**
Continuing the Work and Conversation
Shelley Billig, Ph.D., Regional Education Laboratory
Michael Culbertson, Regional Education Laboratory
Dan Jorgensen, Ph.D., Colorado Dept. of Education
- 1:05 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. **Javitz Grant Award - Rural Study Opportunity in Rural Gifted Education**
Collaboration between CDE and University of Denver
Kristina Hesbol, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
University of Denver
- 1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **Graduation Guidelines – Next Steps/Rural Perspectives**
Robin Russel, Colorado Department of Education
- 1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Summarizing our Conversations and Connections**
Next Steps/Recommendations to the Commissioner
Agenda Items for Next Meeting
Adjournment

Next Meeting, Friday, January 29, 2016, Central Colorado