



**Rural Education Council**

**Friday, January 29, 2016**

**Buena Vista School District Administration Building – Board Room**

**113 N. Court Street, Buena Vista, CO 81211**

**8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

- 8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.      **Continental Breakfast/Networking**
- 8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.      **Welcome, Introduction of New Council Members**  
Elliott Asp, Ph.D., Colorado Dept. of Education  
Tina Goar, Colorado Dept. of Education
- 8:40 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.      **Recognition of Service to the Rural Education Council**  
**Bruce Caughey, Executive Director, Colorado Association of School Executives**  
Elliott Asp, Ph.D., Colorado Department of Education  
Tina Goar, Colorado Department of Education
- 8:40 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.      **“The Peak”, Local Overview, Buena Vista School District**  
Diane Look, Technology Specialist, Buena Vista School District  
Lisa Yates, Assistant Superintendent, Buena Vista School District
- 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.      **Dialogue with the Commissioner**  
Elliott Asp, Ph.D.  
Topics to be discussed:
- Assessments (CMAS, ACT, SAT)
  - Rulemaking and Regulations Process
  - Graduation Guidelines
  - Rural Assistant Commissioner Proposal
  - Other Recommended Topics from the Council Members

**Break**

- 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.      **Closing the Achievement Gap , Rural Research Project with REL  
Continuing the Work and Conversation**
- **ACT and SAT**
  - **Future Research Agenda**
- Shelley Billig, Ph.D., Regional Education Laboratory  
Stephany Brown, Regional Education Laboratory  
Michael Culbertson, Regional Education Laboratory
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.      **Lunch/Networking**
- 12:20 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.      **Continued Conversation with the Department of Higher Education  
Recruitment and Retention of Rural Educators**
- Robert Mitchell, Ph.D., Department of Higher Education
- Introduction of Megan Quitter, Rural Education Outreach  
Coordinator, Western State Colorado University
- 12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.      **Goals and Priorities of the Rural Education Council for 2016**
- Tina Goar, Colorado Department of Education  
Elliott Asp, Ph.D., Colorado Department of Education
- 1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.      **Summarizing our Conversations and Connections Today  
Next Steps/Recommendations to the Commissioner  
Agenda Items for Next Meeting**
- 2:00 p.m.      **Adjournment**
- Next Meeting, April 2016, Northwest Colorado  
(Specific date in April to be determined)

**REMINDER:**

Focus Group Invitation for All Rural Education Council Members and Guests  
Thursday, January 28, 2016  
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
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***The Purpose of the Rural Education Council is to provide the Commissioner of Education and the Colorado Department of Education advice and counsel on issues unique to rural school districts.***