



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

<b>Idea</b>	<b>Progress to Date</b>
<b>Professional Development for Rural Teachers</b>	Share Fair Rural CO will hold its next convening October 28, 2016 in Pueblo, CO, building on the success of the 2015 Share Fair Rural CO event. 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, ICAP planning, student advocacy/advisory, project-based learning, and other relevant topics chosen by rural teachers. Collaborative superintendents will hold their annual meeting and be able to interview rural teaching candidates.
<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 September and October 2016. 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 22 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.

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