

COMMISSIONER'S RURAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

Spring 2019 Summary

The Commissioner's Rural Education Council met in beautiful Ouray, Colorado in May. Council members enjoyed a special welcome from the high school band and learned about the unique student engagement activities offered by the district to families.



Superintendent Scott Pankow praised members of the Ouray School District staff in the regional presentation.

School Preparedness

A priority of the Council has been to collaborate with agencies in school safety and the alignment of preparedness and recovery resources. An honest and open discussion on the continued challenges around safety, as well as proposed solutions were discussed. Later in the Spring, the CO School Safety Resource Center announced the funding of positions for regional trainers, a win for all rural districts across the state. The Council will dig deeper into mental health with a work session scheduled for July.

Accountability Tools

The Council was able to get a first look at the new suite of accountability tools. Utilizing the Tableau platform, users will be able to interact in more ways with state assessment and school data. The new tools are now available on the CDE website at the following address: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/schoolviewdataandresults>. New tools include a performance snapshot, as well as the state accountability data explorer.

EDAC Data Burden and Statewide SIS Survey Results

The Council heard the results from the EDAC state-wide survey on data burden that was conducted during the 18-19 school year. An update was provided in the way of providing the results of the statewide student information system survey that was conducted over the past few months. Council members were able to ask clarifying questions and ponder next steps as results were discussed.

Upcoming Vacancies

The Council will open vacancies for the North Central, Pikes Peak, San Luis Valley, and Metro regions, as well as a vacancy for an at-large Charter School Executive Director in May. Commissioner Anthes will appoint representatives to fill those vacancies prior the next quarterly meeting of the Council in July.

Rural Education Council Facts

The Rural Education Council is comprised of superintendents representing each of the eight regions in Colorado, two rural principals, a rural teacher; representatives from the Colorado Association of School Boards, the Colorado Association of School Executives and the Colorado BOCES Association, two rural board of education members and the Colorado Rural Schools Alliance. For a complete listing of Rural Education Council members, as well as agendas and other information, visit the Rural Education Council [web page](#).

The next meeting of the Rural Education Council will be held on July 23rd in Breckenridge.

For questions or more information, contact Denille LePlatt, Director of Rural Services, at 720-520-5118 or leplatt_d@cde.state.co.us.

Regional Presentations

In an effort to build partnerships and collaboration, regional presentations are part of every quarterly meeting. This month, Superintendent Scott Pankow graciously hosted the meeting in Ouray. Greeted by the high school band, the staff welcomed the Council and talked about district initiatives and their many successes.

