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Notes

CASE Conference – Double Tree by Hilton (f.k.a. Great Divide Lodge)
Breckenridge, CO
July 24, 2012

Local Area Overview - George Welsh, Center School District

- [PowerPoint presentations attached](#)

Legacy Foundation - Helayne Jones, Executive Director

- [PowerPoint presentation attached](#)

Rural Education Survey and Cover Letter - John Watson – Evergreen Education Group

- [PowerPoint Presentation and Survey attached](#)

Review of DRAFT Rural Definition in Colorado - Jhon Penn, CDE

- [The Rural Definition was presented in DRAFT form to the group](#)
 - [Definition developed by looking at and blending the current definitions for 'town' and 'rural'](#)
 - [If a district met this new definition you were considered 'rural'](#)
- [The group that developed this definition elected to divide rural further and developed 'small rural'](#)
 - [Recommended a cut point of 1000 students](#)
 - [Helps to define school districts with single school \(s\)](#)
- [FEEDBACK NEEDED:](#)
 - [Does it look like we are capturing a concise definition?](#)
 - [Does the list make sense in terms of districts typically perceived as rural?](#)
- [Initial reactions from the council](#)
 - [Has there been conversation on the differences between school districts with 1000v 160 students?](#)
 - [Yes, the group did discuss this and felt the best cut point was 1000 students](#)
 - [Agreed this is a good and reasonable definition](#)
 - [Definition addresses geographic isolation](#)
 - [Review is needed of definition on a 5 yr cycle to consider revisions.](#)
- [Questions to address at our October Meeting during deeper discussion of this definition](#)
 - [How does this address large districts with smaller attendance centers?](#)
 - [Does this lead to a legislative change?](#)
 - [How can we gain recognition of definition at some level? What level is appropriate?](#)

Model Curriculum Discussion - Mark DeVoti, CASSA; Melissa Colzman, CDE; Brian Sevier, CDE

- What are the goals for this project?
 - All students post-secondary ready
 - What do kids need to know?
 - Colorado academic standards
 - How do we know when they get there?
 - Assessments
 - What do we need to do to connect the two
 - Curriculum!
 - The possibility of a financial partnership with CDE
- CDE has:
 - Outreach to sups meetings
 - What do we mean by curriculum – differentiated from resources
 - Why focus: quality instruction depends on quality road map
 - Support the type of learning from the new standards
 - Students thinking in higher order
 - Where have we gone – where we are
 - The handouts have been attached to these notes as well
 - Landscape view curriculum template
 - Front is a year at a glance
 - Back is the deep dive
 - Working on creating process guides to go with the plan template
 - Is this what you are looking for? Letter of support?
 - GOOD support from the community
 - Guiding thinking on how we can grow
- Next Steps
 - Have this council draft a letter of support for the model curriculum (all)
 - Take this to the field via SAC and BOCES meetings, etc. (all)

Discussion: Impact of State and Federal Audits on Rural Districts - Deputy Commissioner Keith Owen

- This conversation was tabled to the October meeting due to time constraints

Assistance for implementing and meeting state educational priorities – BOCES funding Jhon Penn

- This conversation was tabled to the CASE Rural Pre-Conference

Our next meeting:

Thursday October 11, 2012 – Northeast Region – Limon – East Central BOCES Office
Local Area Overview 10:00-11:00; Council Meeting 11:00-2:00

Future Rural Education Council Meeting Dates:

Local Area Overview 10:00-11:00; Council Meeting 11:00-2:00

Thursday, December 13, 2012 – Southeast Region - Crowley County

Friday, February 8, 2013 – Southwest Region

Friday, April 26, 2013 – Northwest Region

July 2013 – CASE Conference – Time is TBD

Friday, October 4, 2013 – Northeast Region

Friday, December 6, 2013 – Southeast Region

We are still looking for volunteers to host our 2013 meetings