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Vision - All schools are vibrant, inclusive ecosystems that ensure every student thrives in school, work and life.

Mission - GSN co-creates healthy school ecosystems by partnering with educators, students, families and communities to elevate the education experience.

Bullying Prevention at Eckhart Elementary

Eckhart Elementary has an initiative to promote kindness through their Student Lighthouse Team. Students earn a color card for the rainbow every time they display kindness.

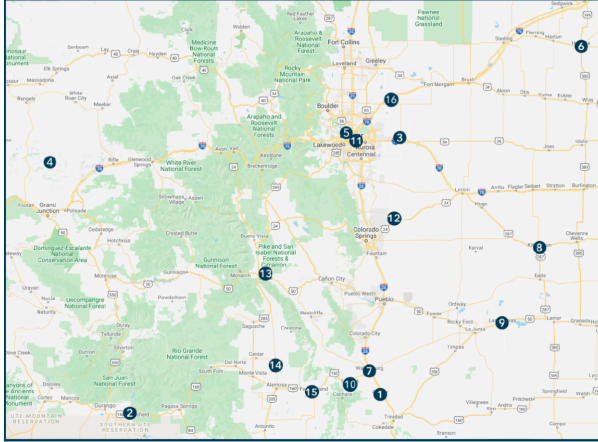
Kindergarten and first grade students are also recognized weekly through school announcements. Names of the students who are recognized are displayed in the office by the school's Social Emotional Support Specialist, Jackie Vallejos, as well as in the classroom of the Bullying Prevention Committee chair, where she teaches the GSN SEL Curriculum and Bullying Prevention curriculum daily.

Eckhart is incorporating SEL and Bullying Prevention professional development for teachers throughout the year.



Eckhart Elementary celebrates their student leaders through BPEG.

Special Thanks to the Colorado Health Foundation for continuing to support Student Health & Wellness Across Colorado



Map of districts that participate in GSN's SEL program.

The Colorado Health Foundation has provided additional funding to continue and expand GSN's Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Program to 13 rural districts and two new metro schools. The funding will allow GSN to continue to support implementation of Tier I Social Emotional support to students and will help provide additional training and capacity-building services to the teachers in these districts. This funding is expected to impact over 12,000

students and 800 teachers across the state, an increase of 3,000 students and 200 teachers compared to the previous school year. Participating districts/schools include: Aguilar, Bennett, De Beque 49JT, Early College of Arvada, Holyoke, Huerfano, Kit Carson, Las Animas, La Veta, Mental Health of Denver, Peyton, Salida, Sangre de Cristo, Sierra Grande and Weld Central.

New Redefining Rural Episode: "State Board of Education Candidate and Executive Director of CASE"

Redefining Rural is a Colorado State University - Global Campus sponsored podcast series focused on bringing awareness to education issues that impact rural communities across Colorado.



In today's episode, Kirk Banghart of the Colorado Rural Education Collaborative, and Michelle Murphy of Colorado Rural Alliance, speak with Lisa Escárcega, Executive Director of the Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE) and a candidate for the State Board of Education. As Executive Director of CASE, she represents more than 2,400 Colorado education leaders in Colorado, in both rural and metro areas. Join us for a conversation about Lisa's experiences with rural education and what she feels she can bring to the State Board of Education. [Listen here](#).

New Social Emotional Learning Unit - Middle School Service Learning

Generation Schools Network is pleased to announce the release of a new Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Curricular Unit for middle school students - Service Learning! The purpose of service learning is to involve America's students in community service that prepares them for responsible citizenship (National Education Goals for the year 2000); however, service learning is more than simple volunteerism or community service. This unit features a project in which students celebrate their experience by demonstrating their learning to their classmates. To download the unit, [please visit our store!](#)

Introducing new GSN Staff and Board Members!

Alison Lauge - Senior Director



Passionate about education and motivated to help children, Alison's experiences span across industries including global corporations, foundations, state-wide educational start-ups, nonprofits and government. As vice president of The Goodyear Foundation, she spearheaded the effort to re-establish the foundation after years of inactivity. As director of the OSLN - Akron Hub, she led the organization's evolution from a 501c3 to a self-sustaining entity spreading effective STEM education best practices. Alison brings her skills and

expertise in her role as Senior Director of Development and Partnerships to the GSN team. She holds a BS in Journalism and Political Science from Kent State University, and an MS in Higher Education Administration from The University of Akron.

Kym Myers - Senior Manager



Kym is a child development specialist and a passionate advocate for healthy kids and families. She has effectively changed the lives of thousands of kids and families through her visionary leadership of schools, teams and programs over the past 25 years as a director, educator, and school administrator. She discovered her passion for bringing advocacy to marginalized groups while earning her education degree and became a catalyst for kids at risk in the U.S. and abroad. Kym was the director of an award winning, nationally accredited early childhood center in Florida, the first to offer

subsidized Pre-K in the county. She was a co-founder of Kids 24/7, a non-profit supporting social and emotional learning for kids of divorce and parent separation. She has additional training in child trauma and crisis care. She brings extensive experience in child development, early childhood education, and non-profit management to the GSN team in her role as a Senior Manager. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business from Rider University and a Master of Science in Early Childhood Education from Nova Southeastern University.

Jonathan Piper - Youth Board Member

Jonathan Piper II serves as a Social Media Consultant with Kingmakers of Oakland. Having graduated from Skyline High School with the class of 2019, he attends Chabot Community College with a declared major of political science. Well known in his community, Jonathan recently received the Student Activist Youth Award from the State of Black Education Oakland. When it comes to the work of Generation Schools Network, Jonathan is especially passionate about engaging, encouraging and empowering his peers to be dedicated scholars.. For Jonathan, Generation Schools Network is a direct opportunity to implement new strategies in schools



that impact students on a personal and professional level.

Esmeralda Gutierrez - Youth Board Member

Esmeralda Gutierrez is a sophomore at the University of Colorado-Boulder and is double majoring in Neuroscience and Spanish on a Pre-Med track with the goal of pursuing medical school. She is a graduate of North High School in Denver, Colorado. Throughout high school, she was involved in various non-profit organizations such as The Bridge Project and The YESS Institute. When it comes to the work of Generation Schools Network, Esmeralda is especially passionate about helping bridge the gaps between students and all the resources out there because being part of Denver Public Schools opened so many doors and provided lots of opportunities for her. However, Esmeralda knows that for those students in rural areas it could be hard for students to have and know about all these different resources which is why she is passionate about being a voice.



Upcoming Events

Catch-up with GSN Staff at these Upcoming Events

March 9-10

Student - Centered Accountability Program (S-CAP) System Support Review
Las Animas

[Register Here](#)

March 24th

SEL Forum #6 - Advocacy Goal #3 - Parent Engagement

[Register Here](#)

March 30-31

Student - Centered Accountability Program (S-CAP) System Support Review
Kit Carson

[Register Here](#)

April 22-23

Student - Centered Accountability Program (S-CAP) System Support Review
La Veta

[Register Here](#)

April 27

Student - Centered Accountability Program (S-CAP) System Support Review
Arriba-Flagler

[Register Here](#)

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