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I have enjoyed hearing from other leaders and reading their reflections and ideas has been helpful.

- Denise Locke, La Veta Elementary Principal

La Veta PUBLIC SCHOOLS **Lv** GENERATION SCHOOLS NETWORK

Upcoming Events

10/26/21, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
 Connecting Students to Careers
 Golda Meir House, Denver

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1/21/22 - 1/22/22
 Courage to Risk Collaborative Conference
 The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs

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Opportunities to Strengthen & Build School Leadership

One of the major ways GSN comes alongside the districts, schools, staff, and students we serve is through supporting **leadership development** and reducing leader isolation. With decades of combined experience leading successful schools, GSN staff take the position of being a partner in the work and relish the opportunity to walk alongside those leading and innovating across the K-12 education spectrum.

Leadership Services:

- [Principal Induction Program](#)
- [Monthly Principal Leadership PLC](#)
- [Turnaround Leadership Program](#)
- [Rural Superintendent Forum](#)
- [Individual Leadership Coaching](#)

Good News!

GSN Team Participates in Arizona Rural Schools Association Annual Conference!

From September 16-18, GSN's Kirk Banghart and Jeff Fuller participated in the annual conference of the Arizona Rural Schools Association! Along with Kristin Turner, Superintendent at the Paloma School District, they considered with colleagues how the power of collaboratives and Social Emotional Learning can assist with supporting disengaged students. To learn more about how GSN can assist your school in the coming year including how to most strategically utilize ESSER funding, contact [Alison Lauge](#).

I-76 Corridor College and Career Readiness Collaborative Chooses North Star Skills



This meeting brought together superintendents, principals, teachers, students, business members, and community members from Brush, Morgan County, Platte Valley, Weld RE3J, Weldon Valley, and Wiggins. The leaders met together to kick off the school year by choosing

their North Star skills. The goal of this meeting was to answer this overarching question: “*What is the mismatch between skills students graduate with and skills local employers want?*”. Through careful deliberation and discussion, participants were guided through a process and ultimately selected: communication, leadership, and integrity. Next steps will include facilitating a process with the help of Marzano Research to embed the skills into the pathway experiences, measure competency, and reflect progress on a community facing dashboard. Stay tuned [here](#) to follow their progress.

Front Range Equity Network Prepares for Business Matchmaking Event on **October 26th** with the help of Social Capital Researcher, Julia Freeland Fisher



The Front Range Equity Network (FREN) is a group of alternative and charter schools that serve students farthest from opportunity and work together to share college and career readiness programming. The schools and organizations in the FREN include: Arrupe Jesuit, Early College of Arvada, Hope Online, New America Schools (Thornton, Lakewood, and Aurora campuses), Prep Academy, RiseUp Community School, Turning Point of the City Westgate Community School and Zero Dropouts. GSN supports: facilitation of the network, local and national partnerships, and strategic activities. In preparation for an

October 26 school/business matchmaking event, the convening featured guest speaker Julia Freeland Fisher, who led a discussion on the role of building student social capital in helping them prepare for the future. **The Social Capital Playbook is available [here](#) for interested schools, districts and organizations.**

New Social Emotional Learning Units Available in Our [Online Store!](#)

Get your **FREE** downloads for the 2021-2022 school year.

ES *Healthy Relationships*

To increase the chances that each student will have at least one secure attachment (i.e. – healthy relationship/bond) with an adult in their life, this unit provides multiple opportunities for teachers to engage in classroom activities that strengthen relationships with their learners. The included lessons focus on sharing, expressing oneself, confidence-building, caring, and team-building activities. The unit culminates in a project designed to build trust.

HS *Growth Mindset*

By engaging in this unit, students will increase their understanding of the significance of a growth mindset, explore the malleability of the brain, brainstorm ways to nurture a growth mindset, and practice responding to both feedback and failure.

ES *Mindfulness*

Students will learn about mindfulness and its benefits. Throughout the five lessons, they will engage in a variety of mindfulness activities. The unit culminates in a project in which students will set a goal of doing at least one mindfulness activity daily for three weeks.



Each of these units is now available with student-facing materials in Spanish!

If you'd like to learn more about implementing Social Emotional Learning in your school or district, contact [Ellen Sarkisian](#), Senior Project Manager.

GET FREE LESSONS

GSN Welcomes New Staff!



Darron Dunson
Senior Education Specialist

Darron is passionate about ensuring equality and inclusiveness for all students, regardless of academic background. Darron was previously a Dean of Students, Dean of Instruction and Special Educator in Denver Public Schools. He also worked in the Adams County School District, where he served as Lead Dean of Students. Darron is a Veteran of the United States Marines. After retiring from the service, he pursued a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Criminal Justice with an emphasis on Juvenile Law from Metropolitan State College of Denver, and then a Master’s of Arts in Administrative Leadership and Policy Studies for Education from University of Colorado at Denver. Darron brings over 17 years of experience in education to his new role at GSN.

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Laurie Unger
Senior Education Specialist

Laurie, born and raised in Colorado, brings over 20 years’ experience in education as a secondary science teacher, a school counselor, and a school principal. Her experience ranges in grades from K-12 with the majority in fifth through twelfth grades. She obtained a BA from Adams State University in Secondary Science Education, a Master of Arts in School Counseling from University of Northern Colorado and completed the required coursework for administrative licensure in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from University of Northern Colorado. She has a passion for improving educational opportunities for all students/staff and embraces options for all professional development and growth for everyone involved in education.

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Interested in joining our team? GSN is Hiring!

Senior Grants Manager and Writer

Do you have expertise writing grants and in communications? Then, take a look! We're hiring a Sr. Grant Manager & Writer. We're looking for a dynamic, self-starter that's passionate about making a difference for Colorado students. This person is responsible for helping GSN achieve targeted levels of funding so our education experts can continue to serve schools and districts throughout the state. See the full job description [here](#) and apply today!

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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.*