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Elevating the Education Experience

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.

Responding to Racism



As the leader of GSN, I was so heartbroken by what I saw taking place in the George Floyd video, that for the first week I was frozen and remained on the verge of tears as I, along with our staff and board, wrestled through a response. It wasn't that deep racism and injustice in our country is new. It sadly continues after hundreds of years, and it is devastating that it remains callous and prevalent, bringing injury to all.

Over the past few weeks, our team opened dialogue and took personal responsibility for grieving, caring, reaching out, discussing, researching, reading, watching, entering local and national discussions, and asking questions around our own complicity, action and values. Even though, we knew we would get some things wrong, we grappled individually and collectively with what we need



to do as people, as a team, and as a nation to be anti-racist and drive for equity.

Please find <u>here</u> a link to our collective statement that has propelled each team member further along their own journey of processing recent events and justified protests.

Respectfully,

Wendy Loloff Cooper, CEO

Generation Schools Network

Good News!

Please don't miss our COVID-19 response events and services! We have added new offerings around helping schools prepare their reopening plans for Fall 2020! More here! Most offerings are completely FREE to you and your school or district.

Introducing a New GSN Social Emotional Learning Unit! Our Elementary School *Coping with Crisis* unit is now available! (high school and middle school units also available)



In response to the current crisis around COVID-19, Generation Schools Network has developed new curricula to make it easier for you to help your students through the pandemic. Elementary School Coping with Crisis is now available for FREE for the remainder of 2020. Through this unit, students will explore potential short- and long-term effects of a crisis, discuss recovery strategies, consider common reactions to internal and external crises, and brainstorm recovery activities that can be implemented after a troubling event. At the end of the unit, students

will collaborate to create a **Peer Support Group** and **Toolbox** for the classroom as a resource for the students to use to help their classmates when they are having a bad day, a challenging time, or experiencing a crisis. This unit is FREE to download for the remainder of 2020 with the code: CRISIS2020 at our <u>online store</u>.

Coming Soon: Exploring Culture, Identity, and Social Justice SEL Units

Rural Superintendents sign OpEd on "The Essentialness of Schools in a Crisis"!



This month, we supported 23 rural superintendents in creation of an OpEd that was submitted to *Chalkbeat, The Denver Post,* and several other news outlets around the state in response to the current Coronavirus crisis. You can read "The Essentialness of Schools in a Crisis" click here.

Survey for Parents on the Impact of Remote Learning!



A commu nity of international scholars is conducting research with families to see how they were affected in the conversion to online schooling (homeschooling) during the pandemic and what supports would be useful as we continue to navigate this space to make education in the US a better place for ALL children.

For those with kids ages 6-16 - If you could

take a few minutes to complete this anonymous survey, that would be awesome - there is also a drawing for an Amazon gift card. Here is the survey link.

Colorado Classroom: Read with Me at Home - Broadcasting literacy lessons for K-3 children and their families taught by Colorado master teachers.

In response to school closures across Colorado, Rocky Mountain Public Media - in partnership with the Office of the Governor, the Colorado Department of Education, and the Colorado Education Initiative - will provide K-3 learners, their families, and caregivers with direct-to-home remote literacy learning on broadcast and online.

Starting May 18, K-3 literacy lessons have been broadcasted Monday-Friday from 8am-10am on Rocky Mountain PBS.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:

- 8:00 8:30am MST:
- Kindergarten
- 8:30 9:00 am MST: 1st Grade
- 9:00 9:30 am MST: 2nd Grade
- 9:30 am 10:00 am MST: 3rd Grade



Tuesday, Thursday:

English Language Development (ELD)

- 8 8:30am MST: K-1st Grade Beginning ELD
- 8:30 9:00am MST: K-1st Grade Intermediate ELD
- 9:00 9:30am MST: 2nd-3rd Grade Beginning ELD
- 9:30 10:00am MST: 2nd-3rd Grade Intermediate ELD

Monday-Friday Overnight Schedule*:

*Check your local listings for air times.

- K-1st Grade- 35 minutes
- · 2nd Grade- 35 minutes
- 3rd Grade- 35 minutes

"Colorado Classroom - Read With Me at Home" will re-air nightly from 3 a.m. - 5 a.m. MST for families to record.

Lessons will also be available for free streaming online at www.rmpbs.org/ColoradoClassroom and on the PBS Video App on smart devices (search "Colorado Classroom" in the app).

Accompanying lesson plans and student work packets are posted on the website. These printed materials will be shipped without charge to families without internet access, on request, by calling 800-274-6666 or by completing this form.





