FUTURE RSIN SERVICES

CONNECTING SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY
Access to national experts on issues of importance to rural school leaders and workshops on such topics as:

- Working with advocacy groups
- Developing a strategic plan for community-wide support of student learning
- Working with community development groups to improve outcomes for young people

POLICY AND ADVOCACY
Regular updates, workshops on successful practice, and information sharing in areas such as:

- School finance and funding
- Recruiting and retaining teachers in rural schools
- Facilities finance and functions
- Federal programs important to rural areas, including Title I

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
In-person and online professional development institutes targeting instructional practices and leadership on topics such as:

- Designing projects for student learning and community needs
- Establishing and maintaining learning communities
- Assessing student learning

MUTUAL SELF-HELP
The power of rural places connecting with each other and sharing their challenges and successes drives the RSIN initiative by:

- Encouraging members to contribute and suggest content and subject matter for webinars and services
- Presenting members’ best practices in webinars and workshops
- Connecting members through online technology such as chat rooms and blog
- Sharing your stories of innovation with other members and encouraging collaboration through RSIN Quarterly case studies

RURAL SCHOOL INNOVATION NETWORK

- A Rural School and Community Trust managed network of schools and school districts striving for excellence in challenging circumstances
- A mutual self-help network sharing innovations that improve rural education, especially in the poorest rural communities
- An alliance of rural education advocates working to improve policy for rural places

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WHO SHOULD JOIN

- Rural districts (rural defined as more than 50% of students in schools in rural census codes)
- Rural schools and community organizations
- Individuals committed to rural education

WEBINARS

RSIN Founding Members can participate in informative webcasts (access to high-speed internet and a speaker phone is needed for your team) to attend. These hour-long, interactive webinars are a great way to receive professional development with no cost and little time away from other professional duties.

POLICY AND ADVOCACY

Title I Funding Formula Changes Benefitting Rural Districts – March 2008
Review of the current formula and its bias against small districts. Review proposed changes and who wins and loses. Connect to others advocating for change.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Engaging Students and Reducing Dropouts Using Place-Based Projects – April 2008
Hear examples from districts across the country. Learn strategies to help you integrate into school curriculum and align with standards. Receive tools to help you get started.

CONNECTING SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Communities Helping All Children Succeed – May 2008
Learn from successful programs and how they have engaged their community to create strong out-of-school learning opportunities for at-risk children. Learn strategies to help you get started.

NETWORK BASIC SERVICES FOR FOUNDING MEMBERS

SPECIAL for FOUNDING MEMBERS: Join during January–March 2008, and Founders’ fees cover up to 18 months of services until July 2009!

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