

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



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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!

SERVICES	DISTRICT \$995	SCHOOL \$395	INDIV. \$75
LOG ON TO WWW.RURALEDU.ORG TO JOIN NOW!	NUMBER OF PEOPLE		
Receive <i>Rural Policy Matters</i> (RPM), a monthly newsletter dedicated to rural education policy	10 copies	5 copies	1 copy
Receive <i>RSIN Quarterly</i> , case studies of successful practices	10 copies	5 copies	1 copy
Participate in webinars on current issues or practice-related topics	X	X	X
Attend professional development institutes at a reduced rate	X	X	X
Receive on-site technical assistance, coaching, or professional development or commissioned research at a discounted rate	X	X	
Access exclusive members-only web pages—including extended and online newsletters, Rural Trust publications and research, and online conversations.	X	X	X
Receive a discount on Rural Trust publications	X	X	X

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 Benefiting 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.