Stronger Together

NW RISE

A network of peers from rural schools in the Northwest working together to improve teaching and learning

The Northwest Rural Innovation and Student Engagement (NW RISE) Network is bringing together teachers and leaders in some of the Northwest's most isolated and remote communities. These educators do courageous and important work but often struggle to get access to good ideas, constructive feedback, and even a bit of moral support. That's particularly true when they are the only teacher in their grade, school, or community. This is an everyday reality for nearly a quarter of American teachers and students.

Through online and face-to-face meetings, the NW RISE Network provides a platform for mutual assistance: one of the most promising strategies used by high-performing school systems across the world. A network of schools helping schools—especially at a distance—can raise achievement and increase student engagement. Professionals work with professionals, drawing on their experience in similar contexts to provide helpful advice.

Supported by states and guided by local educators to meet the challenges they identify as the most pressing, network members will learn from each other and share their collective expertise to ensure that all students receive the education they deserve. Participating K–12 schools in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington will work together to promote students' achievement, empowerment, and attachment to their communities.

In the NW RISE Network you will:

- · Work with leading innovators in education
- Focus on solutions to issues in schools like yours
- Form valuable and stimulating relationships with colleagues across schools, districts, and states
- Create and share strategies to improve student achievement and engagement
- Get access to information and ideas on relevant research and best practices
- Receive specific encouragement and support from educators in similar settings

Join today

Contact us today to find out more information about becoming a member of the NW RISE Network.

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