SURE YOU LOSE A SATURDAY, BUT IT’LL BE WORTH IT!
IF YOU’VE BEEN PROCRASTINATING, IT’S THIS WEEKEND!

EXCITEMENT LEADS THE WAY AT RSA INNOVATION SUMMIT!

With local funding essentially frozen this year and state funding forever in doubt, rural schools are always on the lookout for innovative ways to expand and improve learning opportunities for students.

RSA has combined four of these unique approaches into the first RSA Education Innovation Summit. RSA will host the event as the warm-up to the NYSCOSS Winter Conference at the Albany Hilton on Saturday, March 5th, from noon to 5 p.m.

RSA staff has personally seen each of these programs in action. We’ve seen their impact on students, we’ve assessed their widespread applicability and we’re convinced the four we’ve selected can have a profound effect on rural education.

Though it’s conveniently timed right before the NYSCOSS winter Conference (at the same hotel) this is a “stand alone” summit that presents real innovation in a powerful program. School board members, educators, administrators will all find inspiration and ideas. In by noon, lunch is provided and back on the road or to your room by five, with four unique programs under your belt. The low
registration fee is intended to cover the cost of lunch (this is no money maker.) We just want to serve you, our members with information you can use to look at rural education in new and exciting ways! **If your district has trouble with the registration fee, we have full scholarships available and RSA will be happy to pay it for you! We just want you there!**

Here’s a glance at the program. You make the trip, we’ll make it worth your time and effort!

**12:00-12:30:** Registration and Buffet Lunch

**12:30:** Welcome! **David Allan Little, Esq.** Executive Director, Rural Schools Association of New York State

**12:40:** Welcome from C&S Companies — Andrea Orlando

**12:45-1:45:** **Your Student’s-Their World:** What a great combination! Cuba Rushford Central School District has a Fisheries and Wildlife Technology Program that runs its own television show, operates a fishery, Deerasic Park (a deer management compound) and so much more! Science and technology combine with the natural world to provide students one of the most intensive and unique educational experiences in New York State!

*Presenter: Scott Jordan, Cuba Rushford Central School District*

**1:45-2:45:** **The P-Tech Revolution:** How Innovation is Turning Heads and Changing Minds. The Pathways in Technology Early College High School is changing student lives in the Mohawk Valley by turning the instructional model upside down!

*Presenters: Dr. Pat Michel, District Supt., H-F-M BOCES, Michael Dardaris, P-Tech Principal*

**2:45-3:00:** Refreshment Break

**3:00-4:00:** **International Superstars and Simultaneous High School/College Graduation:** International students provide diversity, cultural perspective and yes, revenue to your district! Broaden your students’ experience without leaving the district by bringing the world to their doorstep. Then, have your students pick up their high school diploma, two weeks after they get their AAS Degree!

*Presenters: Skip Hultz, Supt., Newcomb CSD, Dr. Anacl Alston, Supt., Hamilton CSD, Ms. Mariamawit Wasihum, International Student*

**4:00-5:00:** Bridging Research and Practice: Lessons from
the Strategic Use of Mobile Technology to Support the Learning and Teaching of Mathematics
When mobile technologies are strategically used in combination with high leverage research-based practices, they become powerful tools to enhance mathematics learning and teaching equity.

Presenter: Dr. Pamela Buffington, Education Development Center