The Rural Schools Conference Planning Team is interested in receiving proposals related to the theme of this year’s conference, “Communities Committed to Educational Excellence”. Rural school districts face serious challenges to their educational viability. Such challenges aren’t new to rural school superintendents, board members and staff. They have however become more common, more complex and more threatening to the quality of education students receive in rural schools.

The following are some possible program areas that could relate to the Conference theme:

- Describe or demonstrate the use of technology to improve or expand student learning opportunities especially for school districts where consolidation is impractical or undesirable.
- Describe the process of utilizing community partners to create work based learning opportunities.
- Describe ways of collaborating with other school districts to offer enriched coursework options for secondary students.
- Describe unique partnerships between school districts and colleges and universities to improve educational opportunities for student learning.
- Describe instructional programs and practices that successfully address a common problem in rural schools, i.e. the limited options for language learning; under enrollment in advanced science classes.
- Provide information that assists school districts in addressing a current challenge not described above.

The majority of our attendees are school board members and school administrators, while teachers are most welcome to attend. The presentation time available is 1hr. and 15 minutes. We prefer to use 15 minutes of that time for questions and answers.
Title of Proposed Program
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