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Rural Wisconsin is more than our state's heritage; it's home to almost 44% of the state's 860,000 public school students. Rural schools share the same responsibility to the community as their suburban counterparts--to prepare all students for a successful future in a globally competitive marketplace.

The Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance (WiRSA) was formed to help rural school districts address the unique issues that affect rural schools as they seek to achieve the highest quality education for every student. Our members include a cross-section of educators, school board members, rural community members, business leaders and other concerned individuals who want a strong voice for rural schools.

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NOVEMBER 14 - 15, 2012

Stoney Creek Inn, Rothschild, WI
(see reservation information on reverse)

Conference Cancellation Policy: Any conference registration cancellations must be received 48 hours prior to the conference scheduled date for a full refund to be issued.



A conference for administrators, board members, teachers, CESA employees, higher education professionals, public library administrators, elected officials and citizens interested in rural school and community issues.

Conference Schedule

November 14 - Day 1

- 10:30 Pre-Conference Session: **“2012-13 Wisconsin School Finance Overviews and DPI Fair Funding for our Future Initiative,”** Jeff Pertl, DPI Policy Analyst
- 12:00 Conference Registration
- 1:00
- 1:00 - **“Leveraging Technology for Innovation to Sustain Rural Schools,”** Andy Crozier, Superintendent/Principal, Andrew, Iowa - Apple Distinguished Educator - Named “Top 100 in Technology & Education” by Tech & Learning Magazine
- 2:45 - **Panel Discussion, “Creatively Addressing Administrative Structure in Rural Schools,”** Tom Andres, Weston; Curt Bisarek, Hillsboro; Roger Foegen, Bangor; Mark Gruen, Royall; Brad Saron, Cashton (Moderator)
- 4:00 - **“Rural Perspectives from the National Level,”** John Hill, Executive Director of the National Rural Education Association
- 4:30 Reception
5:45 Dinner
- 6:30 - **“Improving Morale in the Workplace: Leveraging Laughter for a More Productive and Civil Work Environment,”** Dr. Peter Jonas, Chair of Doctoral Studies, Cardinal Stritch University - Author of “Laughing and Learning”
- 7:45 Reception

November 15 - Day 2

- 7:30 Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 - **“Latest Developments on the State and National Legislative Fronts,”** John Forester, School Administrators Alliance; Dan Rossmiller, Wisconsin Association of School Boards; John Hill, National Rural Education Association
- 9:00 - **“New Resident Recruitment and Retention in Rural Communities - The Lifeblood of Rural Schools,”** Dr. Cheryl Burkhardt-Kriesel, Rural Economic Specialist, Nebraska Center for Applied Rural Innovation and Will Andresen, Community Resource Development Educator, U.W. Extension-Iron County
- 10:30 - **“A K-16 and Community Collaboration to Help Sustain Rural Communities,”** Fred Yeo, Dean of Education, U. W. Oshkosh; Brad Saron, Superintendent, Cashton
- 11:00 - **“Future Farmers of America-An Investment in Rural Schools and Communities,”** State FFA Officers
- 11:45 - Lunch
- 1:00 Keynote Speaker: **Mike Thompson, Wisconsin Deputy State Superintendent of Schools**
WiRSA Annual Awards Presentation
- 1:30 WiRSA Annual Membership Business Meeting - Introduction of Recently Elected Board of Directors
- 1:30 Conference Adjourns

REGISTRATION
\$60 Members
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