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GENERATION SCHOOLS NETWORK

Elevating the Education Experience

Vision - All schools are vibrant, inclusive ecosystems that ensure every student thrives in school, work and life.

Mission - GSN co-creates healthy school ecosystems by partnering with educators, students, families and communities to elevate the education experience.

Good News!



GSN is an Approved Diagnostic Review, Turnaround Leadership Provider, and Management and School Improvement Partner with CDE

GSN is thrilled to share that we've again been approved to be a diagnostic review and turnaround leadership provider, and a management and school improvement partner for the

Colorado Department of Education. GSN wants to thank the dozens of districts and schools who have chosen us to serve them in one of these capacities over the past 15+ years. Our team values the opportunity to come alongside Colorado's educators, meeting them where they are in their own process, and using EASI funds to build toward successful district and school outcomes. If you represent a school or district interested in working with GSN, we would love to hear from you. Please contact [Alison Lauge](#) or [Olivia Bachicha](#) to learn more.

New Social Emotional Learning Units Available in Our [Online Store!](#) Get your **FREE** downloads for the 2021-2022 school year.

- *MS Healthy Relationships:* This unit is intended to help students understand and learn how to establish healthy relationship expectations and understand healthy relationship boundaries.
- *ES Growth Mindset:* Students will learn the difference between **fixed** and **growth mindset**, and identify how both mindsets look, sound, and feel. They will discover **the power of "yet,"** learn why the brain is like a muscle, understand why mistakes are to be celebrated, and experience the concept of "**productive struggle.**"
- *HS Effective Communication for Healthy Relationships:* During this unit, students will be asked to explore effective communication, which is the ability to calmly and clearly communicate a message and ensure it is received.
- *ES Starting Strong:* This unit is designed to start strong socially and academically. It can be used any time of year, but does a great job of establishing healthy social and academic foundations and equips educators with resources around building a positive school culture that supports executive functioning.
- *HS Service Learning:* Students will begin this unit by exploring the concept of engaged citizenship. They will then be introduced to the idea of service learning and develop a project that is framed by the question "Where do my interests, talents, and a community need meet?" In small groups, they will create detailed action plans for their project, which they will then implement. This unit can be used to help students meet community service requirements for graduation.



Each of these units is now available with student-facing materials in Spanish!

If you'd like to learn more about implementing Social Emotional Learning in your school or district, contact [Ellen Sarkisian](#), Senior Project Manager.

GSN and WeThrive Announce New Partnership to Elevate Student Entrepreneurship



Generation Schools Network and WeThrive are announcing a new partnership to bring enhanced college and career readiness opportunities for Colorado students in support of youth engagement with entrepreneurship. [WeThrive](#) is an entrepreneurial apprenticeship program in which youth from under-resourced communities start their own ventures, earn real revenues, and gain mentorship and critical life skills. [Generation Schools Network](#) co-creates healthy school ecosystems by partnering with educators, students, families and

communities to elevate the education experience. This new working relationship allows for WeThrive to provide their entrepreneurship program to schools and districts that Generation Schools Network is working with on college/career pathway development, also known as the [Pathways to Prosperity](#). Pathways to Prosperity has been piloted in the Santa Fe Trail BOCES, and is being replicated along the I-76 corridor and through the Front Range Equity Network. To learn more, contact Sr. Manager of College & Career Readiness, [Elliot Zettas](#).

Social Media Playbook Available

Beginning this fall, GSN will come alongside districts/schools involved in Pathways to Prosperity efforts (College and Career Readiness) to help them embed and integrate *The Social Capital Playbook*. Research shows that access to caring relationships supports student academic success, engagement in extracurricular activities, and persistence. If you're interested in learning more about how to incorporate the playbook (whoyouknow.org/playbook) into your college/career readiness work with students, contact [Elliot Zettas](#), Sr. Manager of College and Career Readiness.



Welcoming New GSN Staff!



Gina Angelini - Workforce Management Coordinator

Gina joined Generation Schools Network in August 2021 and brings with her a wealth of experience to support the Pathways to Prosperity (College and Career Readiness program) along the I-76 Corridor. Her strengths include project management, program development and implementation, global and local outreach, training, working with diverse cultural populations, and maintaining strong working relationships. Gina was previously a program manager with the CSU Energy Institute and holds a Master's Degree in Organizational Management from the

University of Phoenix. You can learn more about her on [LinkedIn](#).

Sarah Bommer - Field Support and Communications Specialist

Sarah is a Michigan native who joined the GSN team in the Summer of 2021, after serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA for the 2020-2021 school year. She brings her critical skills in communication, web and graphic design, and event planning to the GSN team. Sarah graduated from DePaul University with a B.A. in Communication and Media and a double-minor in Graphic Design and Spanish. She is passionate about strategic communications and non-profit marketing.



Upcoming Events!

September 16th - September 18th

Arizona Rural Schools Association Annual Conference

Little America Hotel | 2515 East Butler Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Join GSN's Kirk Banghart and Jeff Fuller as they present on how to support students in the coming school year at the Arizona Rural Schools Association Annual Conference.

The conference also includes *selected exhibits, recognized speakers, topical workshops, and opportunities for school board members and administrators to network and exchange valuable information.*

To register, [click here](#).

September 21st, 4:00 - 5:30 PM MT

GSN & Empowering Education Virtual Workshop - Trauma-Informed Teaching

Join us for a free *Trauma-Informed Teaching Training that introduces teachers to the prevalence of trauma, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), the needs of students who have experienced trauma, and specific trauma-informed teaching interventions.*

[Click here](#) to join the Zoom.

Meeting ID: 820 4206 0043

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