



Declining enrollment, changing populations, growing technology needs, staff recruitment and tight budgets are just a few of the challenges we face.

The Enriching Wisconsin's Rural Schools and Communities Conference will address these issues head on, with speakers focusing on:

- ◆ Emerging rural school trends and issues
- ◆ Implementing best practices in curriculum, technology, licensure and recruitment
- ◆ Giving a voice to rural schools

Join this important conversation and leave with take-home ideas you can implement!

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## Enriching Wisconsin's Rural Schools and Communities Conference

March 30-31, 2009

Stoney Creek Inn, Wausau, Wisconsin  
(see accommodations on back)



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

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## Conference Schedule



### MARCH 30, 2009

- 8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 Opening Session
- 9:15 **National Trends & Perspectives on Rural Schools and Communities**  
Dr. Rachel Thompkins, President, The Rural School & Community Trust
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 **State Trends & Perspectives on Rural Schools and Communities**  
Dr. Steve Corrieia, Professor, St. Norbert's College
- 11:45 Lunch
- 1:00 **Strong Ties: Rural Schools and Community Success**  
Dr. Rachel Thompkins, President, The Rural School & Community Trust  
Todd Berry, President, WI Taxpayers Alliance
- 1:45 **Community Collaborations Win-Win Strategies for Rural Schools & Businesses**
- ◆ Brillion School District partnership with Ahrens Company
  - ◆ Wonewoc School District partners with The Bank of Wonewoc
  - ◆ Running with a community partner Tom Karban, Oconto Falls
- 2:30 Break

### MARCH 30, 2009 *continued*

- 2:45 **Community Collaborations Win-Win strategies for Rural Schools & Community Based Organizations**
- ◆ River Valley Area School District & Spring Green Arts Coalition
  - ◆ Mercer School District & Mercer Community Public Library
- 3:30 **Emerging Practices Spotlight: Resource-Sharing in Rural Schools and Communities**
- ◆ Shared Superintendencies: Ingredients needed for success. Dr. Robert Werley, Coleman
  - ◆ Rural Community School Alliance Partnership, CESA 12
- 4:15 Closing

### MARCH 31, 2009

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 **Can Wisconsin Afford Strong Communities? Yes!**  
State Alliance to Protect the Public Good  
Joe Fahey, Institute for Wisconsin's Future
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 **Facilitated Work on Next Steps**  
Genevieve Kirchman, Consultant, CESA 5
- 11:45 Closing Session
- Noon Boxed Lunch

## REGISTRATION

\$50

### Enriching Wisconsin's Rural Schools and Communities Conference

Participant Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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