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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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.
## 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
- **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

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- **Enriching Wisconsin’s Rural Schools and Communities Conference**  
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