

“Heartbeat of the Community” Virtual Screening: Preparing, recruiting, and retaining teachers remotely

June 22, 2020

2:30–3:30 p.m. Central Time / 3:30–4:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Agenda

2:30–2:35 p.m. Welcome and Introductions

Laura Checovich of Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Midwest will provide a brief overview of REL Midwest and “Heartbeat of the Community,” a public television program on teacher recruitment and retention in rural areas.

2:35–2:39 p.m. Screening of Clip 1

Attendees will watch a clip from “Heartbeat of the Community.” The clip will provide an overview of challenges associated with preparing and hiring teachers in remote environments. The clip also discusses the variety of roles that rural teachers play within the school community.

2:39–2:52 p.m. Facilitated Panel Discussion

Laura Checovich will moderate a discussion with the panelists to discuss their experiences and current challenges with hiring and recruiting in the time of COVID-19. The discussion will include the following panelists:

- Troy Haugen, director of college & career readiness, Lakes Country Service Cooperative
- Jillian Davidson, Ph.D., director of clinical experiences, Central Michigan University (CMU)
- Dan Frederking, Ed.D., technical assistance consultant, REL Midwest
- Carey Johnson, principal, Parkers Prairie High School (Minnesota)

2:52–2:56 p.m. Screening of Clip 2

Attendees will watch a clip from the documentary that focuses on exposing students to the teaching profession.

- 2:56–3:09 p.m.** **Facilitated Panel Discussion**
Laura Checovich will moderate a discussion with the panelists to discuss their experiences with grow-your-own programs and similar practices.
- 3:09–3:15 p.m.** **Screening of Clip 3**
Attendees will watch a clip from the documentary on making the most of teacher candidates’ existing connections to rural communities.
- 3:15–3:28 p.m.** **Facilitated Panel Discussion**
Laura Checovich will moderate a discussion with the panelists to discuss their experiences with community-based teacher preparation. Jillian Davidson, Ph.D., will discuss how the CMU teacher training program allows teachers to maintain and strengthen connections to their rural communities.
- 3:28–3:30 p.m.** **Wrap-Up**
Laura Checovich will summarize the event conversation, thank the panelists, and provide closing remarks.
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