



# Rural Education National Forum

Registration is now open!  
Early Bird Deadline: July 18, 2014

October 27–28, 2014  
Hilton Columbus Polaris  
Columbus, Ohio

## Rural Strong: Collaborating, Innovating, & Revitalizing for Rural Prosperity

Nearly a quarter of our nation's public school students attend rural schools. That's why there is such a need for rural schools to be globally competitive and locally relevant in terms of growing and keeping talent.

Often financially challenged and separated by geography, rural school districts need opportunities to share and leverage ideas, strategies, and effective practices to accelerate college- and career-readiness. While recent public and private initiatives have fueled innovation in rural school districts, many of these districts need a "boost" to move from innovation to sustainable implementation.

Battelle for Kids and the Ohio Department of Education are pleased to host the 2014 Rural Education National Forum. This interactive learning and collaborative experience is designed to:

- Contribute to the growing momentum and encourage participation in the emerging voice for rural education;
- Build opportunities for collaboration/networking to leverage rural strengths to improve rural prosperity;
- Learn from powerful national examples of successful rural innovation; and
- Focus on ways to connect learning, living, and livelihood for the revitalization of rural communities.

### Who should attend?

- Rural district, building, and teacher leaders
- Business, civic, and community leaders
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- Established collaboratives/networks of education, business and/or community organizations
- Economic development leaders and venture capitalists
- Rural and non-rural education associations
- Philanthropic foundations
- Others interested in strengthening rural education, economic/workforce development, and civic/community engagement efforts

## Teams are encouraged to attend!

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