# **Differentiated Systems of Support for Rural Agencies Community of Practice**

# **Learning Cycle 3 - Webinar Recording**

### December Learning Cycle 3 Learning Session: Differentiating Rural School Improvement Technical Assistance - Professional Development

**When:** Thursday, December 14, 2017, from 3:00PM to 4:30PM EST

**Description:** Session Topics include:

* + How do states provide rural educators with professional development opportunities?
  + What is the current state of professional development in rural school systems?
  + What is the desired state of professional development in rural school systems?

**Speakers:**

* + Dr. Paul Hopkins, The Network CoP Facilitator
  + Dr. Brad Mitchell, The Network Subject Matter Expert
  + Jessica Bryant, Online Learning Coordinator, Montana Department of Education
  + Vicki Fosbender, Program Consultant, Kentucky Department of Education

**Link to Recording:** [**https://statesupportnetwork.adobeconnect.com/p71mrnu290gm/**](https://statesupportnetwork.adobeconnect.com/p71mrnu290gm/?OWASP_CSRFTOKEN=f35dd478dce048a5f186c8f5a74d1c38790d961a10871d20e0fe02c34f48e36a)

**Description:** Learning Cycle 3 was centered on providing meaningful professional development to educators who work in rural school systems. SEA participants were welcomed back to the CoP and provided the opportunity to introduce any new members from their state who are joining the CoP.  We led a brief overview of the learning from the second Learning Cycle event—how SEAs differentiate rural school improvement technical assistance to rural LEAs.  Learning Cycle 3 then transitioned to a conversation around how SEAs support rural school systems in the offering meaningful professional development opportunities to rural educators.  Members from two of our state CoP members, Montana Office of Public Instruction and Kentucky Department of Education, shared learning around their rural outreach strategies.  The CoP then discussed effective strategies for supporting rural educators who are often isolated from colleagues who teach similar subjects due to geographic isolation.  The webinar concluded with an opportunity for LEAs to share what works in their settings and what they would appreciate from SEAs to support the ongoing growth of their educators.

**Location of Webinar Materials**: <https://statesupportnetwork.ed.gov/rural-education/resource-library>