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Dave Gregg, Rural and E-Learning Initiatives Ministry of Education

Outline

British Columbia's Rural Education Network

The Rural Education Network is an electronic learning community composed of educators, trustees, parents and community members who have an interest in the future of British Columbia's rural schools. Its aim is to provide a forum for ongoing dialogue, inquiry and learning for rural educators and those who support their efforts.

The session will provide a view of how the Ministry of Education and the Rural Steering Committee have worked together to improve student achievement in rural schools through the development of an annual conference, a professional online learning series, connected online classrooms and a new teachers mentoring and training program.

You'll discover how technology and the Ministry's award winning distributive learning structure are being used to provide opportunities for all students and to help overcome the challenges faced by rural school districts.

Bios

Dave Lee is a District Principal with School District 22. Dave was one of the leaders of COOL School and the development of BCEd Online which merged with the Virtual School Society in late 2007. Dave currently works with the Rural Education Network providing support to school districts in the rural regions of the province and organizing the Network's Monday afternoon Elluminate Professional Learning Series.

Dave Gregg currently works with the BC Ministry of Education supporting rural and distributed learning initiatives around the province. For over 20 years Dr. Gregg has taught in and administered a number of schools in northern BC. He also sat as a director of BCEd Online.