



Serving Students in California's Rural Schools

Challenges, Opportunities
and Strategies



FACILITATORS

Meagan Meloy

Director

Butte County COE

mmeloy@bcoe.org



Jessica Thomas

Program Coordinator

San Luis Obispo COE

jthomas@slocoe.org



Riding the Waves Together

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introduction
- Challenges: BINGO
- Table Talk: Strengths, Opportunities, & Strategies
- Group Discussion



BINGO ACTIVITY

15 minutes



| | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| No Homeless Shelters | No Youth Shelter | No public transportation | No taxi service | No internet services |
| No colleges to partner with | No Family Resource Centers | No large stores for Operation School Bell | No Head Start or Early Head Start | No Dept. of Social Services offices |
| No Food Bank distribution centers | Lack of mental health providers | FREE | Lack of health & dental care providers | Lack of churches and charitable orgs |
| Not enough time to do the job of the homeless liaison | Not enough funding to match needs | Few jobs in the area | Lack of affordable housing | Students live far from school across difficult terrain |
| Natural disasters tax limited resources | No Uber/Lyft/ride share options | No wealthy donors or large corps with which to partner | Confidentiality is hard because everyone knows each other | Liaison wears too many hats |



Table Talk

20 minutes

- Transportation
- Identification
- Connection to Resources
- Natural Disaster Preparedness & Response
 - Identify a note taker, time keeper, and reporter.
 - Use the worksheet on your table to take notes.



Share Out

20 minutes



Resources for Rural Schools

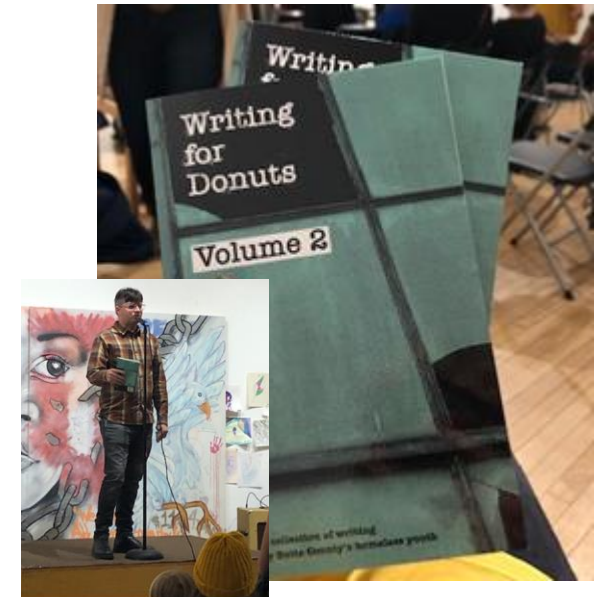


Optimistic Closure: No Matter How Big or How Small

HERE FOR EACH OTHER- prose poem by student, J.R.

Please take a moment to think about a concrete way you will be “there for someone” before the closing of the school year.

Write your intention on a sticky note and take it with you!



Give us your feedback

