

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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PARENTS, STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, AND INDUSTRY LEADERS ARE INVITED TO “BUILDING OUR SHARED FUTURE” A REGIONAL SERIES OF CAREER & COLLEGE DESIGN SESSIONS WITH SWCEC.

Southwest Colorado Education Collaborative offers an opportunity to support the design of career and college pathways on October 21, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Ignacio High School.

DURANGO, CO, October 4, 2022 — The Southwest Colorado Education Collaborative (SWCEC) is inviting parents, students, educators, and industry leaders to support the building and implementation of five career and college pathways for the Southwest Region. The first of five sessions is taking place on October 21, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Ignacio High School. Attendees must pre-register by visiting the [site linked here](#).

Community members joining the conversation will have the opportunity to guide SWCEC as they build and implement shared career and college pathways for students in Bayfield, Durango, Ignacio, Pagosa Springs, Silverton, Montezuma Cortez, Mancos, Dove Creek and Dolores school districts. These career and college pathways will provide students the opportunity to learn skills that are needed for careers in education, health sciences, environmental, building trades, and hospitality & tourism.

“Collaboration is an important part of the work we do. We are excited to offer an opportunity for all the key stakeholders to work together to develop programs that truly change lives,” said Jessica Morrison, Executive Director of SWCEC.

These programs and discussions are made possible by community partnerships including Pueblo Community College, Fort Lewis College, Empower Schools, Colorado Education Initiative, and Lyra Colorado.

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About SWCEC: The Southwest Colorado Education Collaborative was formed by leaders in K-12, higher- education and industry who wanted to offer students in rural areas the same opportunities that are provided to those in metro areas. In coordination with Pueblo Community College; Fort Lewis College; area school districts; and the Southern Ute Tribe, the Collaborative is exposing students in the Bayfield, Durango, Ignacio, Pagosa Springs, Silverton, Montezuma Cortez, Mancos, Dove Creek and Dolores school districts to different career and college pathways.