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Attracting Rural Residents Series - Final Session Feb 14

Good afternoon to all,

The [Attracting Rural Residents Webinar Series](#) presented by Ben Winchester is a great resource for school leaders to have and consider as you look at potential growth in your community.

Ben has worked in and for small towns across the Midwest since 1997 — with a focus on his home state of Minnesota. He joined the Minnesota Extension

Center for Community Vitality in 2008.

As a rural sociology and evaluation educator his work is focused in rural communities, about rural communities and he conducts research on topics relevant to community vitality. Currently, he is documenting a rural "[brain gain](#)" — the trend of 30-49 year-olds moving to rural areas — to identify the social and economic opportunities of this migration.

I have had the pleasure to visit with and hear Ben speak a number of times, and I believe his work is relevant and valuable to school leaders as you consider the growth of your school and community. [Please consider listening to this work.](#)

Always advocating for you,



David Ardrey
Executive Director
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