**Rural Alliance Conference**

**A Continuum of Services**

**Northern Quest Resort & Casino**

**September 29th & 30th**

**Sunday, September 29th**

**4:00** Dinner at the Rivers Edge Buffet **(dinner is open from 4:00 to 9:00)**

Please let the cashier know you are with the Rural Alliance

**5:30** Introductions and Opening Remarks

Kevin Jacka

CEO, The Rural Alliance

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**5:45**  The Rural Alliance Projects

Personalized STEM Learning: STEM Gems and KIDSCode

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John Mancinelli

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**6:15** Giving all students postsecondary and career options: Collaborating to expand access

to high quality CTE pathways

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MJ Bolt

State Board of Education

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**6:50** Question

**7:00** 15-minute break

**7:15** Social and Emotional Learning: A New Rural Alliance Pilot Project

John Glenewinkel

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**7:45** Child Protection

Lisa Wright **|** Education Partnership

Committee for Children

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**8:30** Adjourn

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**8:15** Career Pathways: Data and Strategies Unique to Rural Areas

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**9:10** Terrie Ashby-Scott

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Washington Opportunity Scholarship

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**9:25** Question

**9:35** 15-minute Break

**9:50** Microsoft TEALS: Building Sustainable Computer Science Programs in Rural Schools

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**10:40** Northeast Washington Geospatial Environmental Technical Education Project

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**10:55** Question

**11:05** 10-minute Break

**11:15** DCYF Washington State Department of Children and Youth Services

Preschool Development Grant

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**12:15** Lunch

**1:00** Unpaved Road

The Rural Alliance Early Learning Program

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**1:15** Career Connected Learning Program

Career Connect Washington

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**2:00** High School Success and Academic Acceleration

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**2:30** Other

**2:45** Adjourn