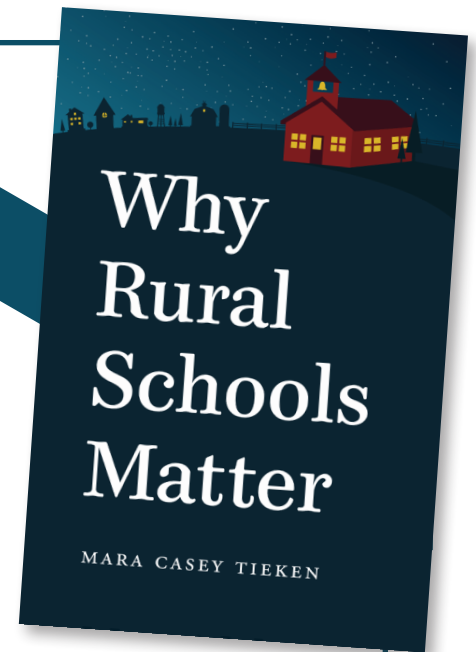


WHY RURAL SCHOOLS MATTER

FREE event!



a talk by **Mara Casey Tieken**

MAY 3, 2018 • 6:30 PM

Millers Run School, Sheffield, VT • dinner provided

WHO SHOULD COME? Anyone interested in education in rural Vermont – teachers, administrators, school board members, community members, legislators.



MARA CASEY TIEKEN is an associate professor of education at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. Her research focuses on racial and educational equity in rural schools and communities. Her book *Why Rural Schools Matter* (University of North Carolina Press, 2014), an ethnographic study of two rural southern communities, examines how rural schools define and sustain their surrounding communities. She is currently working on a multi-year project, supported by a grant from the Spencer Foundation, that explores the college aspirations, transitions, and persistence of rural, first-generation students. Mara also studies community organizing for education reform and works with the Annenberg Institute for School Reform, where she supports organizing efforts in rural New England. Mara is the 2016 recipient of the Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement for Early Career Faculty. Before receiving her doctorate from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Mara taught elementary school in rural Tennessee.

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