

2008-2009 ESU2 ANNUAL REPORT



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MISSION STATEMENT

To advance educational excellence...
ESU #2, in partnership with area schools, will provide visionary leadership and quality service for schools and students.

WE BELIEVE...

We exist to advance excellence in education
That cooperation is essential to an effective education system
That accountability builds trust
Our primary focus is meeting area schools needs
Our leadership and expertise enhance schools' ability to manage the present and create a vision for the future
Communication is vital for interpersonal and organizational relationships
Individuals are to be treated with dignity and respect
Self-esteem is critical to the success of all individuals.

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2008-2009

- ESU2 staff provided leadership and participation in statewide committees (i.e. Distance Education, Coordinating Councils, Cooperative Purchasing) to provide efficient of delivery of State mandated and/or locally requested services.
- The ESU2 Improvement Process focused on both assisting schools with their individual School Improvement Plan and special projects (i.e. Policy Updates, Chemical Cleanup, Academic Quiz Bowl).
- An area school board member Information Night (ESU2 directors discussed the issues related to "21st Century Skills" and "One-to-One initiatives") was held with 30 in attendance (7 schools represented).



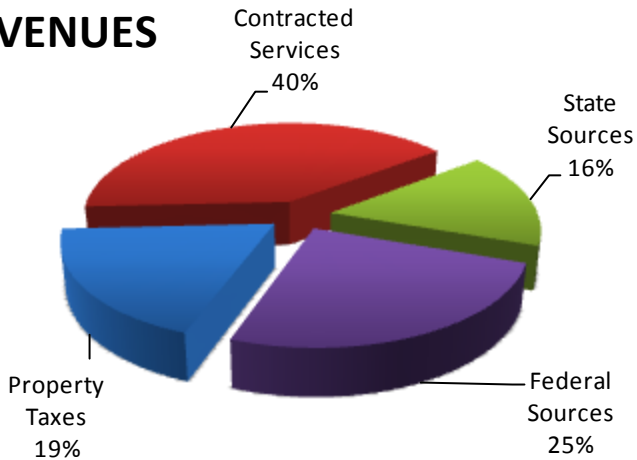
2009-2010 TARGET AREAS

- The ESU2 Improvement Process will continue to focus on the three ESU2 goals (providing resources, on-site delivery, and developing LEA ownership of school improvement) by increasing contact with area school committees and leaders.
- Presentations and inservice trainings for ESU2 staff on identifying and better utilizing the individual and collective strengths for the improvement of services to schools.
- Coordinate trainings (with NDE and ESU affiliate groups) to assist administrators and school staff with the ARRA initiatives in their school districts .

COUNSELING SERVICES:

During 2008-2009 the ESU provided three counselors (2.20 FTE) whose services were shared by four school districts. The role of the counselor at the elementary level is one of early intervention such as group discussions on bullying, while the role of the counselor at the secondary level is directed to help students who have problems with self-discipline and coping with the daily challenges.

REVENUES



Revenues: 2008-2009

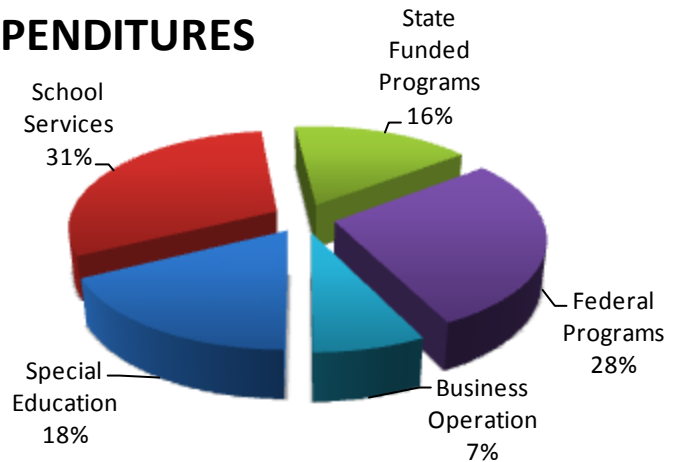
Property Taxes	\$ 994,421
Contracted Services	2,151,346
State Sources	841,661
Federal Sources	1,343,618
TOTAL	\$ 5,331,046

Expenditures: 2008-2009

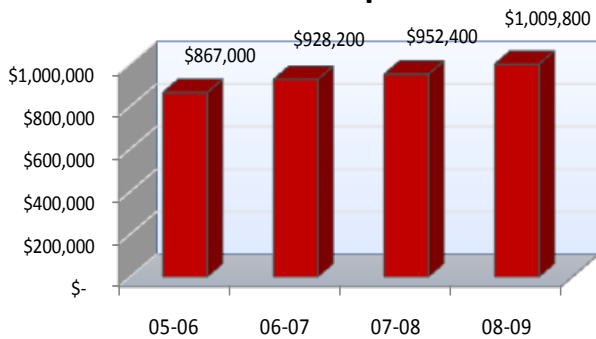
Special Education	\$ 924,901
School Services	1,605,503
State Funded Programs	856,794
Federal Programs	1,473,677
Business/Operation	382,783

TOTAL 5,243,658

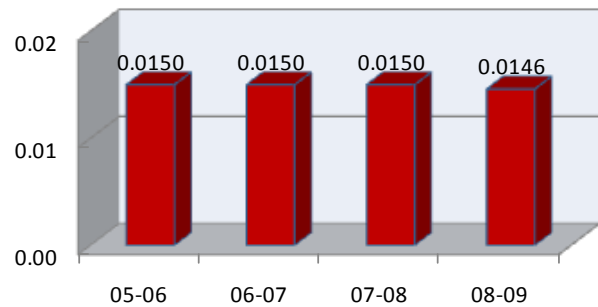
EXPENDITURES



Local Tax Request



Local Tax Levy





PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Our Mission: Provide the bridge to assist educators in meeting the challenges of guiding all students to achieving their highest potential.

- School Improvement
- Curriculum
- Instruction
- Assessment
- Leadership

Services provided by the Professional Development Center include staff development training, consultation with school administrative staff for professional development & school improvement, and support for schools with compliance for state & federal mandates. In addition to specific services in these core areas, the PDC has an excellent on-line library of professional resources available to educators and administrators.

Highlights 2008-2009

- Grant Writing & Management (SCIP, Title I, Perkins)
- Annual Spring Professional Development visits to each district to plan for professional development needs
- Response to Intervention (RtI) support and development.
- Staff development opportunities for improving Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Literacy
- Kids Can Stop Bullying and Kids Can Be Heroes (anti-bullying workshops) for 4th and 7th students.
- Support of Nebraska's State-Wide Math Grant
- Implementation of DIBELS--Universal Screener- for a total of 15 of 18 school districts
- Trainings on supplementary interventions for reading instruction
- Instructional strategies for elementary reading teachers in the "Big-5" areas
- Continuation of New Teacher Academy and follow up training sessions
- Year 2 of Title I Professional Learning Community/Book Study
- L to J Formative Assessment training.



2009-2010 Target Areas

- Provide the resources (i.e. curriculum, instruction, assessment, leadership, technology) to support the School Improvement Process (SIP) for each district.
- Increase school-based delivery of services by Professional Development Center team in coordination with other ESU2 departments and each local school district.
- Assist schools in developing capacity to increase local ownership of the School Improvement Process and; in collaboration with the NDE special education department, support the development and implementation of Response to Intervention (RtI).



TITLE I SERVICES

The ESU #2 Title I Cooperative served 10 school districts in 2008-2009. The total approved Title I budget was \$542,534. Eighteen certified teachers and three paraprofessionals provided Title I students the following:

- School wide - 5 Schools
- Grades 1-3 Reading - 2 Schools
- Grades 1-4 Reading - 1 School
- Grades K-3 Reading and Math - 1 Schools
- Grades K-4 Reading and Math - 2 Schools
- Grades K-6 Reading and Math - 1 Schools

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The ESU#2 Special Education Department provides area schools with needed services in:

- Cooperative Association of Special Education Services (CASES)
- Early Development Network (EDN) – Services Coordination
- Improving Learning for Children With Disabilities (ILCD)
- Program Consultation for 3 to 5 Year Olds
- Medicaid in the Public Schools (MIPS)
- Planning Region Grant #225
- Facilitate meetings with non-public schools
- Special Education Continuous Improvement Plan Grant (SCIP)
- Completion of Special Education State Forms
 - Final Financials
 - IDEA Applications
 - ARRA Application



Services provided by the Special Education Department include Rule 51 compliance, workshops for Special Education, consultation with districts on out-of-district student placements, assist with new program planning, facilitate Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meetings upon district's request, attend Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Individual Family Service Plans (IFSP), and supervision of ESU#2 staff in area districts.

HIGHLIGHTS 2008-2009

- Grant writing and management (Planning Region, Collaborative Grant, SCIP Grant, Autism Grant)
- Collaborated with Professional Development Center on Response to Intervention Pilot Project
- Three day structured teach workshop on Autism
- Student Assistance Team (SAT) Training
- Updates on Rule 51 and Technical Assistance Verification document
- Planning and Developing post secondary goals

2009-2010 TARGET AREAS

- ILCD facilitator will assist school districts with merging their School Improvement Process and ILCD processes into one seamless improvement strategy.
- Special Education Department will continue to work with the ESU#2 Professional Development Center on the Response to Intervention Process with our pilot schools.
- To keep ESU#2 schools in compliance with Rule 51 regulations

SPECIAL EDUCATION 3-5 YEAR OLDS

- Services provided to CASES schools
- 71 children at the end of 08-09 school year
- Sources of referrals: parents, preschool teachers, doctors, and day care providers
- Held Quarterly Preschool Teacher meetings at the ESU #2 for preschool teachers in our 4-county area for professional development, networking, and collaboration.
- Seven school districts have district operated, public preschools; three are Early Childhood Grant-funded programs
- 26 new children were referred for potential services.

IMPROVING LEARNING FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

- ESU #2 provides ILCD facilitator for all school districts in 4-county area
- 5 of the 18 school districts have completed the 5-Phase process and are preparing to begin the process again
- 8 of the 18 school districts have completed Phases 1-3 and are preparing to write improvement strategies
- 10 of the 18 school districts have merged School Improvement Process with the ILCD process

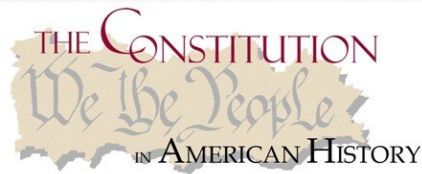
EARLY DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (EDN)

- ESU#2 serves all schools in Burt, Cuming, Dodge and Saunders Counties.
- 3 Full time Services Coordinators serve 4 counties. 1 of which serves the Fremont Public Schools families.
- 183 families were processed through EDN services in 08-09
- 38 Child Abuse Protection and Treatment Act (CAPTA) referrals were processed. CAPTA is a program with Health & Human Services that requires that any child, below age 3, determined to have a substantiated case of abuse or neglect is a mandated referral to the Early Development Network program.



PERKINS GRANT

The Perkins' schools had an emphasis in working with community colleges and develop learning academies for their students. The first steps were taken in coordinating curriculum between the high schools and community colleges so more students can earn college credit in high school.

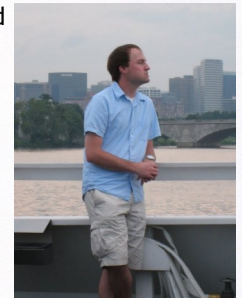


CONSTITUTION IN AMERICAN HISTORY

- Federal Teaching American History Grant for the amount of \$1 million was awarded for a three year project in 2006.
- Six exceptional historians were selected to provide historical content for the three year project.
- Three themes will be explored; the formation of the constitution, the testing of the constitution through civil war, and the expansion of rights under the constitution.
- Over 40 educators from the Northeast Nebraska service area were accepted into the program in the spring of 2007 Year 1 was spent planning for implementation with meetings of project personnel and historians



- A week-long Constitution Boot Camp was held summer of 2007.
- The grant participants visited Colonial Williamsburg in November of 2007.
- Participants worked in an on-line format during the school year to answer discussion topics.
- All grant participants traveled to Washington DC in June of 2008 for a 7 day tour of significant historic locations.



- Historians Matt Pinsker and Chris Keller provided a Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 workshop on the constitution and the Civil War.
- Grant participants traveled to civil war sites for 7 days in June of 2009.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

2008-2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ESU 2 wired their building for gigabit connectivity by replacing all category 5 cable with category 6 cable. Gigabit connectivity will allow for faster access to network resources including voice, video and normal network connectivity.
- The NNNC streamlined their server connectivity by replacing 3 servers with a virtualized server at their UNO point of presence. The virtual server allows room for expansion into 2 additional servers for a total of 5 servers. This allows the NNNC to build redundancy for disaster recovery purposes as well as streamline their server deployment and reduce system administration time.
- The NNNC deployed a searching directory server that allows users to search for email addresses of staff members in the NNNC region.



2009-2010 TARGET AREAS

- Enhance network security through a comprehensive network security plan. One NNNC staff member will be certified as a CISSP (Certified Information Security Specialist Professional) who will use the CISSP recommended methods for development, deployment and maintenance of a security plan.
- The NNNC will develop a comprehensive IP Telephony plan to provide schools the ability to interconnect with an easy dial plan for video as well as voice transmissions.
- The NNNC will continue work on the following projects: an enhanced intrusion detection system, unified logging, unified threat management and web filtering software, enterprise wireless solutions and unified messaging.

TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

2008-2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- School personnel were trained for a state-reporting program that expanded to electronically send data to the State. Nebraska Students and Staff Reporting System required all public and non-public schools to create a unique student ID and turn in selected State reports.
- Five ESU's (1, 2, 6, 7 & 16) were awarded an EETT grant for student fitness. Schools in the grant will focus on monitoring heart rates and increasing the interest in physical fitness with middle-school aged students. Some hardware purchased will also benefit special education students with limited mobility.
- A school in our ESU each year volunteers and becomes involved in the Learning Web program that combines Marzano's research and innovative technology programs. Staff attends a two-day conference in the summer and a state-wide technology conference in the spring. They demonstrate how the project they choose uses technology to enhance their school goals.
- Schools continue their work with Angel that requires staff training.
- Multiple sessions on podcasting and digital storytelling were held and staff and students created podcasts and stories that have been shared with their community. By engaging students in their learning, a higher level of understanding and increased retention develops.
- We planned and participated in a two-day summer NNNC Summer Technology workshop that focused on ways technology could help teachers and students.
- Schools have individually requested programs on 21st Century Skills, Digital Storytelling, Photoshop Elements, Google, Cameras and Microsoft Office elements.



DISTANCE EDUCATION

- A \$300,000 USDA RUS grant was awarded to ESU #2 to upgrade distance learning display equipment in nine of the ESU 2 schools.
- The grant allowed purchase of portable cart systems. The cart systems provide portability and give districts the ability to have two DL courses delivered to their schools at the same time.
- Organized and negotiated a group purchase of the John Baylor Test Prep for fourteen of the ESU2 area school districts (to offer ACT preparation to students).
- Universal Service Fund (e-rate) workshops conducted in all NNNC member ESUs.
- ESU #2 Special Education Updates delivered through Distance Learning meetings.
- Each NNNC member school was provided up to 100 accounts in Angel course management system for on-line collaboration with teachers and students.



MEDIA SERVICES

The media department continued to grow with the addition of 120 new DVD titles this year, complete with rights to duplicate for classroom usage. This collection of DVDs, given consideration were career education, family & consumer science, language arts, and industrial technology. With more schools acquiring DVD players, the orders for DVD titles has increased greatly. The interest in Power Media Plus has improved participation with all schools as the word is getting out and the system has become more user-friendly. IMAT renewed the contract for video streaming with Power Media Plus. Media meetings and workshops are now in conjunction with all the NNNC schools. The Media library is being cleared of older videos and those titles that are also in the DVD format.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2008 – 2009:

- 145 new DVD titles with state or national standard attached as a guideline for curriculum were purchased under Rural Utilities Service (RUS) grant in the amount of \$304,096 was awarded to ESU2 that enabled nine school districts to upgrade their distance education rooms for enhanced programming and presentations.
- Organized and negotiated a group purchase of the John Baylor Test Prep for fourteen of the ESU2 area school districts (to offer ACT preparation to students).
- Installed thirteen video conferencing cart systems in ten ESU2 area schools that enhanced the use of video conferencing.

2009-2010 TARGET AREAS

- Seek funding to expand the learning opportunities for students in ESU2 area schools.
- Expand the integration of video conferencing enrichment opportunities for staff in ESU2 area school districts.
- Explore and expand the use of desktop video conferencing to ESU2 area schools; and for ESU2 staff assigned at school district buildings.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

- In 2008-2009, the schools in Educational Service Unit No. 2 purchased \$251,983 of supplies/equipment and \$54,335 of paper through this program. Total purchases for the annual buys was \$306,318. The savings to the schools was 40% to 45% under listed retail price.
- The total for the year round buys, which are food purchases, custodial purchases, and special purchases was \$1,287,330.
- Year round and annual cooperative buys are now online. All materials are ordered through the cooperative website and has made the Coop ordering process to be very efficient.





Ashland Greenwood
 Bancroft Resalle
 Cedar Bluffs
 Dodge
 Fremont
 Logan View
 Lyons Decatur NE
 North Bend Central
 Mead
 Oakland Craig
 Raymond Central
 Prague
 Scribner Central
 Takamah Herman
 West Point/Ebener
 Wahoo
 Wisner Pilger
 Yutan

SCHOOL SERVICES

CASES (SPED)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CIAH Grant	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
COOP Purchasing	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Counselors																			
CSPD Grant	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Distance Education	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE
ILCD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Internet Filtering	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹
Internet/Network Tech	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
K12 TLC Website	K12	K12	K12	K12	K12	K12	K12	K12	K12	K12	K12	K12	K12	K12	K12	K12	K12	K12	K12
LAN Consultant	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PDC On-Site Training	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
PDC Consultation	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
Perkins Grant		\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						\$
Power Media Plus (PMP)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Printing and Production	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Region 225 Grant (SPED)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Regional Training	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
RUS Grant	\$	\$	\$										\$			\$	\$	\$	\$
Science Fair	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓						
SCIP Grant (SPED)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
SDFS Grant			\$				\$	\$						\$	\$				
Service Credit Dollars	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Services Coordination	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
STAR Grant		+	+				+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			+
Student Record System-SRS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Teacher Center	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹	☹
TECH Workshops	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Title I Consortium			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
USF Fund Consult	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Van Routes	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
DVD Spring Buy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Video/DVD Dubbing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Web Media Catalog	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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