

## News from Washington State ESDs

dents and board members, the North Central ESD Board, in coordination with the WSSDA Leadership class members from the 171 Region, held a brief board training on October 30, just prior to the WSSDA Regional Meeting at the Enzian in Leavenworth.

Topics for discussion included:

- Do's and Don'ts for new board members
- Superintendent/Board communication
- Tips for board chairs
- Fiscal Tips



The new North Central ESD

An Open House/ Dedication was held October 23 for the new North Central ESD office building at 430 Olds Station Road in Wenatchee.

Visitors toured the new facility, followed by a meaningful program and ribbon cutting ceremony, held on a beautiful sunny day outside the entry of the new building. Speakers included former NCESD board member Senator Linda Evans Parlette; NCESD Board Chair Si Bautista; City of Wenatchee Mayor Dennis Johnson; Superintendents' Advisory Committee Chair Glenn Johnson, superintendent of Cashmere School District; Superintendent Steve Chestnut from Moses Lake who is currently WASA President;

and Rich McBride, North Central ESD Superintendent.

Also among the dignitaries present were Superintendent Roger Fox from Quincy; Wenatchee Superintendent Brian Flores; Tom Robbins, Wenatchee Chief of Police; newly-elected legislator Judy Warnick; Harold Weed, long-time NCESD Board member; and former NCESD Superintendent Gene Sharratt.

North Central ESD's new address is 430 Olds Station Road, Wenatchee, WA 98801. The mailing address (P.O. Box 1847), phone numbers and e-mail addresses remain the same.



### NWESD 189:

Northwest ESD 189 has combined independent in-service offerings, resulting in a new "Professional Development Department." The registrar and coordinator will work to provide a "one stop" resource related to NWESD 189 professional development — striving to answer emails and calls with just one contact. The goal of the Professional Development Department is to provide quality, research-based courses that will align with the NWESD 189 goal to support our educational communities in their efforts to increase the number of students meeting state and local standards.



### Puget Sound ESD:

Another professional development program improvement is planned soon at Puget Sound ESD. Registration for classes will be switched over to a new web-based program called escWorks. This will be a



Superintendent Terry Munther from ESD 101 and Superintendent Bill Keim from ESD 113 share a humorous moment during the AESD Strategic Planning session.

simpler process and provide more timely confirmation of participant registration, credit card processing, and refunds.

PSESD is partnering with eight local school districts and Microsoft on an important new math and science initiative. Microsoft will sponsor the effort initially, which will focus on improving student academic performance in math and science. The initiative will be designed by the school districts, community leaders, and PSESD in collaboration with Microsoft. A multi-year, multi-faceted commitment is expected.

Proficiency in algebra is the core metric for the initiative, but student achievement in math, sci-

ence, and technology is the central goal. The focus is on middle level education (grades 4 through 9). Although eight school districts are involved at this stage, there is potential for expansion to more districts in the future.

Potential program components include: (1) leadership development and support, (2) instructional resources and tools, (3) teacher training and professional development, (4) technology integration, (5) public messaging and awareness, (6) policy advocacy and lobbying. The PSESD and local districts will submit their design to Microsoft by December 2006.

## Coming Events

AESD Regular Meeting	November 16, 2—5 p.m., Red Lion Hotel at the Park; 6—9 p.m. dinner
WSSDA Conference	Spokane, Nov. 16-18, 2006
AESD Regular Meeting	Feb. 26, 2007, WASA Office
Legislative Conference	February 25-26, 2007, Red Lion in Olympia
AESD Regular Meeting	April 19, 2007, Yakima
2007 AESD Conference	April 19-21, 2007, Yakima Convention Center

# AESD Dispatch\*

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## A Message from the President



President Howard Coble

These are exciting times for ESDs. I began working with regional agencies when they were known as Intermediate Service Districts. I witnessed the struggles as the current structure evolved from those early years. I have no doubt that today we are better positioned and more essential to the success of educational reform than ever before. We are developing a stronger partnership with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction as we work together to assist school districts

I say again, these are very exciting times and we have a success story to tell. We provide many services to districts and their staffs

that they could not provide on their own, and we do so with very little state support. Almost all districts depend on regional fiscal and data processing services from their ESD and these are just two of the essential services we provide. Ask you local districts how they would operate without the support from their local ESD.

So my request to each of you is to tell the story. As you interact within your communities make a conscious effort to educate local leaders on the essential role we play in education of children and the success of their schools. As the legislative session approaches it would be wonderful if every Chamber of Commerce, service club and civic organization would understand that ESDs are critical to the success of educational reform and one of the best bargains around. If your community leaders tell the story legislators will listen.

~Howard Coble  
AESD President

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See the AESD Website for the calendar of events and other AESD information.

## AESD Executive Services Announcement



Dr. Jim Shoemaker, AESD Executive Services, and Norm Wisner, WASA Legislative Liaison

The AESD Executive Board is pleased to announce that, following consultation with ESD Superintendents and WASA, Dr. James Shoemaker has been selected to work with Norm Wisner in providing additional professional support for our association. Jim recently retired as Superintendent in Tacoma and also served as superintendent in Mukilteo and in Kansas. He has been an enthusiastic user and supporter of his local ESD and is strongly committed to the value of regional support for local schools. Dr. Shoemaker has worked successfully on state policy issues and in the legislative arena and is well prepared to help AESD advance its goals during these critical times.

At their April business meeting the AESD membership approved increasing the level of professional

support for the association. In June the Board identified the following areas in which Norm Wisner and Jim Shoemaker will direct their efforts:

- ADVOCACY for ESDs with legislature and State agencies;
- SYSTEM AND ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT with all ESDs;
- LIAISON with other professional organizations and SPI
- COMMUNICATION, both internal and external, and
- OTHER priorities as identified by the Executive Board.

## A Taste of Excellence!



**AESD Conference  
April 19-21, 2007  
Yakima Convention Center**

See [aesd-wa.org](http://aesd-wa.org) for hotel and agenda information.

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ESD 101

## ESD 101

ESD 101's Spokane Service Team (SST) has been awarded the Washington State Housing Finance Commission's Friend of Housing Award for its advancement of affordable housing in the state. The award was accepted by ESD 101's Anne Millane and Manda Edwards at the Commission's fall conference in Bellevue.

The SST is an AmeriCorps national service program engaging young adults, ages 18-25, in the construction and rehabilitation of low-income housing and capital improvement projects serving economically disadvantaged families. The program is funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, with additional support from Foundation Northwest, the City of Spokane and numerous non-profit partners.

Last year, the SST built two new, four-bedroom homes for developmentally disabled adults, rehabilitated five vacant homes and renovated 29 multi-family properties. Over 196 Spokane County residents benefited from these activities. Additionally, three capital improvement projects were completed for area non-profits serving economically disadvantaged residents of Spokane County.

Professionals working in the affordable housing industry nominate Friend of Housing Award recipients annually. Honorees are selected for their leadership and exceptional contribu-

tions to provide safe, decent and affordable housing for Washington State residents. The Washington State Commission for National and Community Service nominated SST and Bank of America pledged \$2,000 to SST in honor of its achievement.



## ESD 105:

Yakima community organizations chose ESD 105 in August to serve as the lead agency in seeking an estimated \$30 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for an early learning project in east Yakima. Letters of support by those organizations for the role of ESD 105 in this 10-year project were submitted to the Gates Foundation in early September.

"I'm proud of the ESD 105 staff and the trusting relationships they have built throughout the community in order to deliver services that support learning in and out of the classroom," said ESD 105 superintendent Jane Gutting. "It is humbling to have our community partners entrust us with this huge responsibility, and it is an honor to represent our partners to the Gates and Thrive By Five foundations. This is one of the most exciting projects I've been involved with in my 33 years in education."

The role of intermediary involves responsibility deeply involving the community partners in developing the business plan for the project, managing public and private funds generated for the project, and providing ongoing evaluation to ensure successful

outcomes for the children and families who will be served. The plan will include the requirements for accessing the project funds, services that would be provided in collaboration with community partners, and strategies for sustaining and replicating the initiative's services and program models.

Once the Gates Foundation accepts the selection of an intermediary, the local partnership would have six to eight months to submit its plans for what the project in east Yakima would entail.

The Gates Foundation is planning to fund two sites in the state for its early learning initiative, and the Yakima area was selected last summer as the demonstration site for the east side of the state. The other site is in White Center, whose community selected Puget Sound ESD 121 to serve as its intermediary.

Ken Nicholls, regional administrator for Department of Social and Health Services Region 2, supported the selection by noting: "ESD 105 Superintendent Jane Gutting and her staff have a long and creditable history of researching the needs of young children in the Yakima area, and working collaboratively with the community to develop plans for addressing these needs and supporting families. We believe the services proposed through this project are greatly needed in our community. A

project like this – able to identify and coordinate numerous community resources – has the potential for improving the lives of the children who are actually served, their immediate and extended families, and the total community."

Gutting says the ESD is a solid fit for this responsibility, considering the agency's long history of successful community partnerships in providing early learning and social and health services in the community:

"ESDs were designed to make available to schools and communities in our regions services that would otherwise be difficult or impossible to access. ESDs were developed to create equity in education for children across the state. Developing collaborative services and business plans is what we do best."



## ESD 112:

Governor Chris Gregoire made a visit to Southwest



Governor Gregoire and student at ESD 112's Early Childhood Center.

Washington in September to tour the Patricia Nierenberg Early Childhood Center, which is a unique partnership between ESD 112, the Vancouver School District, Southwest Washington Medical Center and the parents whose children attend the center. The Governor met with parents, visited with staff about the center's early learning program and read books with even the youngest children. Her visit underscored her important focus on early learning.

Gregoire said that education in Washington begins long before kindergarten. "Early learning is the new frontier in education and Washington can lead the nation in quality child care and early learning programs."

Following the visit, State Representative Bill Fromhold arranged a visit between Governor Gregoire and ESD 112 Superintendent Twyla Barnes to discuss the important role ESDs play in helping school districts maximize resources and save money. Fromhold and Barnes also discussed with the Governor the critical need for increasing basic operational funding for the state's nine ESDs.



## ESD 113:

The staff in five ESD 113 districts - Oakville, Ocosta, Pe Ell, South Bend and White Pass - will receive special training in the teaching of reading comprehension. The training is funded by \$81,900 from a federal grant awarded to

the Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board and administered through a partnership between St. Martin's University and ESD 113.

"This project will help teachers broaden their knowledge about teaching reading comprehension and will expand their repertoire of reading strategies to use with students," Dana Anderson, ESD 113 assistant superintendent for teaching and learning, said. "The grant will not only fund instruction for teachers but will also provide a reading coach from St. Martin's who will make weekly visits to each school.

"Studies have shown a dramatic increase in the ability of teachers to integrate new knowledge and skills into their classrooms when their training includes in-class coaching," Anderson said. "We're excited about the potential this collaborative project has for improving student achievement."

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## Olympic Educational Service District 114:

Construction on OESD 114's new conference center is complete. The building houses a new educational technology lab, three large conference rooms, a science kit warehouse, assembly, and distribution center, a printing room, commons area, and offices



OESD 114's new conference center.

for the data and technology departments.

The new space was christened in August,



OESD 114's Science Center

when Michael Fullan kicked off a highly successful summer leadership conference. The conference drew over 160 participants from throughout the region.



## ESD 123:

To better serve schools and communities, ESD 123 and North Franklin School District have formed a public information cooperative. The cooperative will focus on public relations work for the districts, including

media relations, community relations, web development, and marketing communications.

ESD 123 hired two new employees for the cooperative: Jordan Shultz, public information officer, and Molly Green, desktop publisher.

Shultz earned her bachelor's degree in journalism with an emphasis in public relations from the University of Oregon and has worked in the field for five years, most recently as the public relations director for Evergreen International Aviation.

Green has a bachelor's of fine arts degree in drawing with a minor in art history from Boise State University. Her course of study included commercial art, and her professional experience includes illustrating children's books and working in marketing communications for a construction company in Pendleton, Oregon.



## North Central ESD 171:

As a result of requests from regional superinten-