50 years
Remember When...
A Nostalgic Look Back at ESD History from 1969 on
Celebrating 50 years of service to schools and communities in Washington.
1969 Timeline

**January**
Richard Nixon inaugurated as new U.S. President.

**February**
Washington Governor Daniel J. Evans signs the bill authorizing 14 ISDs (later renamed ESDs).

**March**
Baseball great Mickey Mantle announces his retirement.

**April**
The number of U.S. troops in South Vietnam reaches its peak.

**May**
The Monty Python comedy troupe forms.

**June**
NASA announces that Apollo 11 is cleared for launch on July 16 for the first manned landing on the moon.

**July**
Washington's 14 ISDs begin operations on July 1.

**August**
400,000 people attend the Woodstock Music Festival.

**September**
Princeton University welcomes its first 171 female undergraduate students.

**October**
The first electronic message between two computers is sent from UCLA to Stanford.

**November**
The Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) is founded and Sesame Street debuts.

**December**
The Boeing 747 jumbo jet makes its first passenger flight.
1969 Events

U.S. astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walk on the moon on July 20, while 11.5 million watch the live global broadcast.

Hurricane Camille makes landfall along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Camille is one of only three Category 5 hurricanes ever to make landfall in the U.S.

North Vietnamese leader Ho Chi Minh dies at the age of 79.

U.S. bombers secretly attack Cambodia and Laos as more than 600,000 U.S. troops are now fighting in Vietnam.

French President Charles de Gaulle resigns from office after voters reject his proposal for regional reform.

The Palestine National Congress appoints Yasser Arafat head of the PLO.

FCC bans all cigarette advertising on television and radio.
In 1969, current governor Jay Inslee (#35 above and #33 below) led Seattle's Ingraham High School basketball team to a state championship title his senior year and also played football.
1969 Movies & TV

Top Movies
Midnight Cowboy - Academy Award Winner
Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid
Easy Rider
Hello, Dolly!
Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice
Paint Your Wagon
True Grit
Cactus Flower
Goodbye, Columbus

Top TV Shows
Rowan & Martin’s Laugh-In - NBC
Gunsmoke - CBS
Bonanza - NBC
Mayberry R.F.D. - CBS
Family Affair - CBS
Here’s Lucy - CBS
The Red Skelton Hour - CBS
Marcus Welby, M.D. - ABC
Walt Disney’s Wonderful World of Color - NBC
The Doris Day Show - CBS

1969 saw the premiere of Sesame Street and Scooby Doo.
1969 Music

Biggest Hit Singles

Get Back - The Beatles

Honky Tonk Woman - The Rolling Stones

In the Year 2525 - Zager & Evans

Sugar, Sugar - The Archies

Suspicious Minds - Elvis Presley

1969 Mount Vernon High School marching band
1969 Back to School

Cost of School Supplies
- Book bag, $3.47/each
- Composition books, 100 sheets, 28¢/each
- Elmer's Glue, 18¢/bottle
- Lunch box with 1 pint Thermos bottle, 99¢/set
- Markers, 48¢/4 count pkg
- Pencils, 53¢/22 count pack

Cost of School Clothes
- Boy's bellbottom slacks, $3.75/2 pairs
- Boy's jacket, $8.88/each
- Girl's jumper, $3.33/each
- Girl's shoes, Buster Brown, $10.50-12.50/pair
1969 HOUSEHOLDS

ANNUAL EARNINGS
Accountant, no degree, $9,500
Auditor, degree, $12,500
Bookkeeper, $6,500
Draftsman, $10,000/year
Office manager, $17,000/year
Teacher, $8,626/year

COST OF LIVING
New home, $27,900
New car, $4,000
First-class stamp, 6¢
Gallon of regular gas, 35¢
Daily newspaper, 10¢

COST OF FOOD
Apples, 39¢/3 lb bag
Beef chuck, 89¢/lb
Eggs, 62¢/dozen
Gallon of milk, $1.10
Loaf of bread, 23¢
Sugar, 29¢/5 lb bag
ESD Numbering

2+2=5?

How the ESDs Got Their Numbers

When ESDs were consolidated from 14 to 12 in 1972 and from 12 to nine in 1977, their numbers were combined, so...

101 = 101

102 + 103 = 123

105 = 105

106 + 107 = 167 + 104 = 171

108 + 109 = 189

110 + 111 = 121

112 = 112

113 = 113

114 = 114
ESD 101
With a service area covering more than 14,000 square miles, ESD 101 serves a region larger than nine states: Rhode Island, Delaware, Connecticut, Hawaii, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maryland.

Chuck Stocker, NEWESD101 board member is the proud father of the Philadelphia Phillies’ starting shortstop in the 1993 World Series.

PSESD 121
Among the many interesting places that housed ESDs in the early years, this one takes the cake: PSESD was once located in a morgue.

ESD 105
Began operations in the Yakima and Ellensburg Courthouses and later a Union Pacific Railroad terminal, which is now part of the current site of the ESD 105 campus.

When the foundation was being poured in 2010 for what would eventually become the ESD 105 Maggie Perez Student Success Center, retiring ESD 105 superintendent Jane Gutting threw her staff name badge into the newly poured concrete.
North Central ESD 171

Moved into a remodeled church building over 40 years ago! A current employee was married there and went to Sunday School in what is now Eldene Wall’s office.

Capital Region ESD 113

From White Pass (farthest east) to Taholah (farthest west), it is 190 miles, which means it takes nearly four hours to drive across the region. ESD 113 serves 10 non-high school districts, the smallest is Evaline (58 kids) and the largest is Pioneer (795 kids).

ESD 112

Roosevelt School District is technically within the ESD 105 service area and not connected to any districts in the 112 region. A story is told that the first ESD 112 superintendent, Leo Blodgett, worked a deal with the then Roosevelt superintendent who agreed to allow Leo hunting rights on the school property (at least when students weren’t around.) Since that agreement back in 1969, Roosevelt remains in the 112 region today.
**ESD 189**

Initially had offices in Bellingham and Everett, but their early meetings were held all over the region in places like John John's Restaurant in Burlington; P.U.D. Building; Camp Fire Office and Continental Telephone Building in Mount Vernon; Data Processing Center of Alderwood School… and more.

Ben Boxum (now deceased) was on the ISD 108 (now NW ESD 189) board when ISDs were created. He served until March 2009 when he resigned due to poor health.

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**ESD 123**

In 1972, ESD 102 in Walla Walla and ESD 103 in Pasco consolidated to form ESD 123. For over twenty years, ESD 123 remained in the city of Walla Walla before relocating its main office to Pasco in 1997. Through its Pasco office, ESD 123 now serves 23 school districts across seven counties, with its smallest school district (Star) at just 10 students FTE!

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**ESD 114**

In the early days, the ESD office was on the 2nd floor of the historic post office building in Port Townsend. They shared the 2nd floor with the UW State Extension Agent and the USA Customs Office.
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