AESD Network Updates

Reflecting back to 2019...
• 50th Anniversary Celebrated
• AESD Strategic Plan Goals adopted
• New executive director hired
• Lots of opportunities ahead
AESD Strategic Plan: 2018 – 2021

**Mission:** To ensure equity and excellence in education through effective services delivered statewide.

**Vision:** To inspire and foster equity, opportunity, and results through meaningful support of all school districts

**Goals:**

1. **Strategic Relationships:** To grow a sustainable future through strategic relationships
2. **Grow the Network:** To provide seamless and nimble services.
3. **Tell our Story:** ESDs are an integral and valuable part of the education ecosystem in Washington State
Network Initiative Updates: **Strategic Relationships**

- **Legislative Advocacy & Relationships**
  - AESD legislative strategy & roles refined, communicated
  - Legislative priority talking points, 1-pagers
  - Increased “asks” and “wins” for AESD engagement in legislative issues
  - Expanding partnerships across multiple state agencies and associations
    - Early Learning, DCYF
    - Health Care Authority

- **Statewide COVID Response Coordination**
  - Increased regional networking
    - Multiple opportunities each week in every region for districts to stay connected
  - Statewide services mapping and response
    - Child care & nutrition services mapping (early on)
    - Learning device distribution (with Gov’s office)
    - PPE procurement / distribution
  - Statewide coordination/collaboration with OSPI and other K12 leadership associations
    - 25 statewide OSPI webinars since 3/26/2020
    - 2+ statewide district networking events in partnership with WASA
  - Statewide distance learning professional development
    - Shifting Schools / ReImagine WAEd partnership
    - LMS Solutions

- **Tribal relationships engaged & strengthened**
Strategic Relationship Example: 
**Statewide PPE Procurement & Distribution**

- 2 rounds of procurement facilitated by ESD 112 team and supported by all 9 ESDs
- Deliveries to over 400 school districts, public charters, tribal compact schools, and private schools
- Receipt & distribution of multiple donations statewide
- PPE “by the numbers”
  - Face Coverings: 19 million
  - Sanitizing Wipes: 750k packages (840,000 lbs)
  - Gloves: 120k boxes
  - Gowns: 250k
  - Hand Sanitizer: 80k gallons
  - Over 250k miles driven for deliveries
  - Approx. $8M in total PPE purchased
    - 1st round saved school districts 75% of actual costs
Strategic Relationship Example:

*Tribal relationships strengthened*

- Partnership with OSPI and their office of Native Education
  - With new Executive Director of Native Education, Jon Claymore
  - Close collaboration to engage Tribal Leaders and Elders

- ESD capacity building
  - Participation in UW Native Education Certification 2-year program

- ESDs to support native educator recruitment and retention efforts (HB 1139)
  - 3 ESDs (114, 123, 1) partnering with OSPI and Tribal Leaders to explore growing the native educator workforce
Network Initiative Updates: Grow the Network

- $43 M+ to ESDs for statewide initiatives in collaboration with OSPI *(Annually)*
  - Over 15 formal statewide initiatives including Regional Safety Centers, Career Connected Learning, Content Area Prof. Dev., Student Behavioral and Mental Health Supports, and more!

- $2.7 M to ESDs for Inclusionary Practices Professional Learning System *(New)*

- Region 16 Comprehensive Center (partnership with Oregon & Alaska) *(New)*
  - $3.2M/year for 5 years to the R16CC
  - WA state’s focus: Tribal Education Capacity Building

- COVID Response Statewide Learning Supports *(New):*
  - Distance learning workshops (Jeff Utecht/Shifting Schools partnership): Est. $90k+ (fee for service)
  - LMS Solutions: $2.3M total with funds to support overall AESD coordination (OSPI ESSER I funds)

**APPROX. “New” TOTALS in 2019/20:**
- To AESD: Approx. $165,000
- To ESDs: Approx. $4.4 M
AESD Network Growth: 2015 – 2020

Network Revenues increased 19.1% in last two years averaging 9.55% for the last two years

AESC network expenditures increased 13.8% in last two years averaging 6.9% for the last two years
Grow the Network Example: **AESD Distance Learning Statewide Professional Development**

**LMS SOLUTIONS**

AESD Learning Management System (LMS) Platform Professional Learning

- **Components:**
  - Selecting an LMS / family & community provider resources for districts
  - LMS 101 basics
  - Deep Dive Sessions focused on connecting to instructional practice
  - Regional Educator Networks
  - Family & community provider materials for districts

- **Participation Snapshot:**
  - **Over 10,000** educators (July – Dec 2020)
  - **298** school districts, state tribal education compact schools, public charters, private schools, higher ed

- **Funding:**
  - $2.3 M state ESSER funds to ESDs/AESD

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**ReImagine WA Ed,**
Partnership with Jeff Utecht/Shifting Schools

- **Focus:** Distance learning systems & mindsets, supporting individual student needs through remote instruction

- **Participation Snapshot:**
  - **Over 7,000** total (April 2020– February 2021 sessions)
  - **Over 135** districts, tribal education compact schools, & public charters

- **Revenue to AESD:**
  - Anticipated over $130k
Grow the Network Example: AESD Distance Learning Statewide Professional Development

Bringing it to Life!

I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE all of this... as a counselor, it is amazing the emphasis that is being placed on building relationships & the importance of this.

I love how it is NOT "one more thing" but it is the foundation for students to be in the right brain state to LEARN!!!

~R. Shelton, NWESD 189
LMS Solutions Upcoming

• Regional Educator Network Convening – May
  • Over 300 educators statewide participating

• Refreshed LMS 101 sessions and enhanced “deeper dive” continuous learning opportunities – all Spring

• Summer Educator Summit - July
Grow the Network Example:

**AESD School Accreditation Services**

- Since 2006 the AESD has grown its school accreditation services
- **Highlights:**
  - In 2019, 214 secondary schools were AESD Accredited (43.1% of the state)
    - Lead competitor served 16.5% of schools
    - Goal is for AESD to support 50%+ schools in coming year/s
  - Modeled after school improvement processes and qualitative review of school improvement plans.
  - Schools assigned a coach to support them through the process and submits a recommendation for AESD Accreditation.
  - *Board Members from ESDs across the state are involved as panelists to review and confirm each school’s accreditation recommendation and/or status.*

- **2021 “Ask” for ESD Board Member Panelists**
  - May 17-18, Western WA schools
  - May 24-25, Eastern WA schools
  - Many slots still open for panelists!
    - *Please contact your ESD Superintendent if you are interested and available.*
Network Initiative Updates: *Tell our Story*

- More comprehensive / coherent approach to communications planning

- Suite of Network “branded” communications resources (i.e., 1-pagers, promo/marketing materials)

- Network evaluation team engaged to support broader AESD initiatives

- Greater outreach to weave AESD “story” into timely issues/priorities (i.e., COVID response, distance learning supports)
STATUS CHECK

105 Day Session

March 17 Revenue Forecast Update - $3.3 B

April 11 last cut-off

Budget negotiations

Sine Die April 25

Governor Bill Signing
Democratic Majorities

- House 57 to 41
- Speaker Laurie Jinkins
- Senate 28 to 21
- Sen. Andy Billig Majority Leader
Legislators Caucus
Via Zoom

- Makes communications tricky
- No “hallway” conversations
- Difficult way to negotiate
- Public transparency concerns
Lawmakers think of ESDs

• SB 5237 Early Start Act for Kids - expands accessible, affordable childcare and early childhood development programs.

• HB 1214 – training for school safety

• HB 1365 - providing students technological devices
AESD Budget Items

- Budget stability
- Early Learning Coordinators
- Safety Positions
- Climate Science
- School Nurse Corps
- Career Connect Learning Coordinators
- Maintenance level funding for ESD positions
- Behavior and Mental Health supports
Legislators value the AESD Network to implement policy ideas

ESDs budget items almost doubled in the past two years

Good news: the legislature trusts ESDs

Challenges: legislator education about the actual cost of programs

It’s a good problem to have!
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Looking ahead to AESD 2022!

April dates TBD

New DAYS:

- Wednesday
  - 12:00 for new board members
  - 3:00 for all
- Thursday
- Friday
  - 10:00am adjourn
Thank you &
See you next time!