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Nine ESDs. One Network. A Backbone of Support
for Washington's Schools & Communities

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Introductions

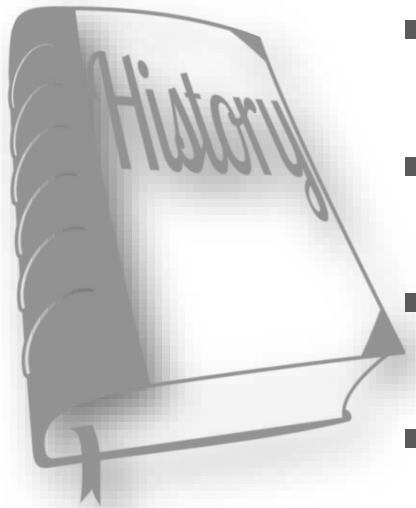
- Tim Merlino, Chair, ESD Superintendents, ESD 112
- Marcia Henkle, AESD Board Vice President, NCESD 171
- Jessica Vavrus, Exec. Director AESD/OSPI Network



Our Time Today

- Build awareness
- Make connections
- Consider opportunities to engage

History of Washington's Educational Service Districts (ESDs)



- 1890 – Office of the County Superintendent was created by statute
- 1909 – County Boards of Education were created with duties in statute
- 1955 – County board membership changed to elected lay membership
- 1969 – Legislature passed Intermediate School District Act. State Board created 14 ISDs
- 1969 to 1977 – A decade of legislative actions resulted in going from 14 service areas to the present nine ESD's
- 1981 – Legislation passed to allow ESD's to provide direct services



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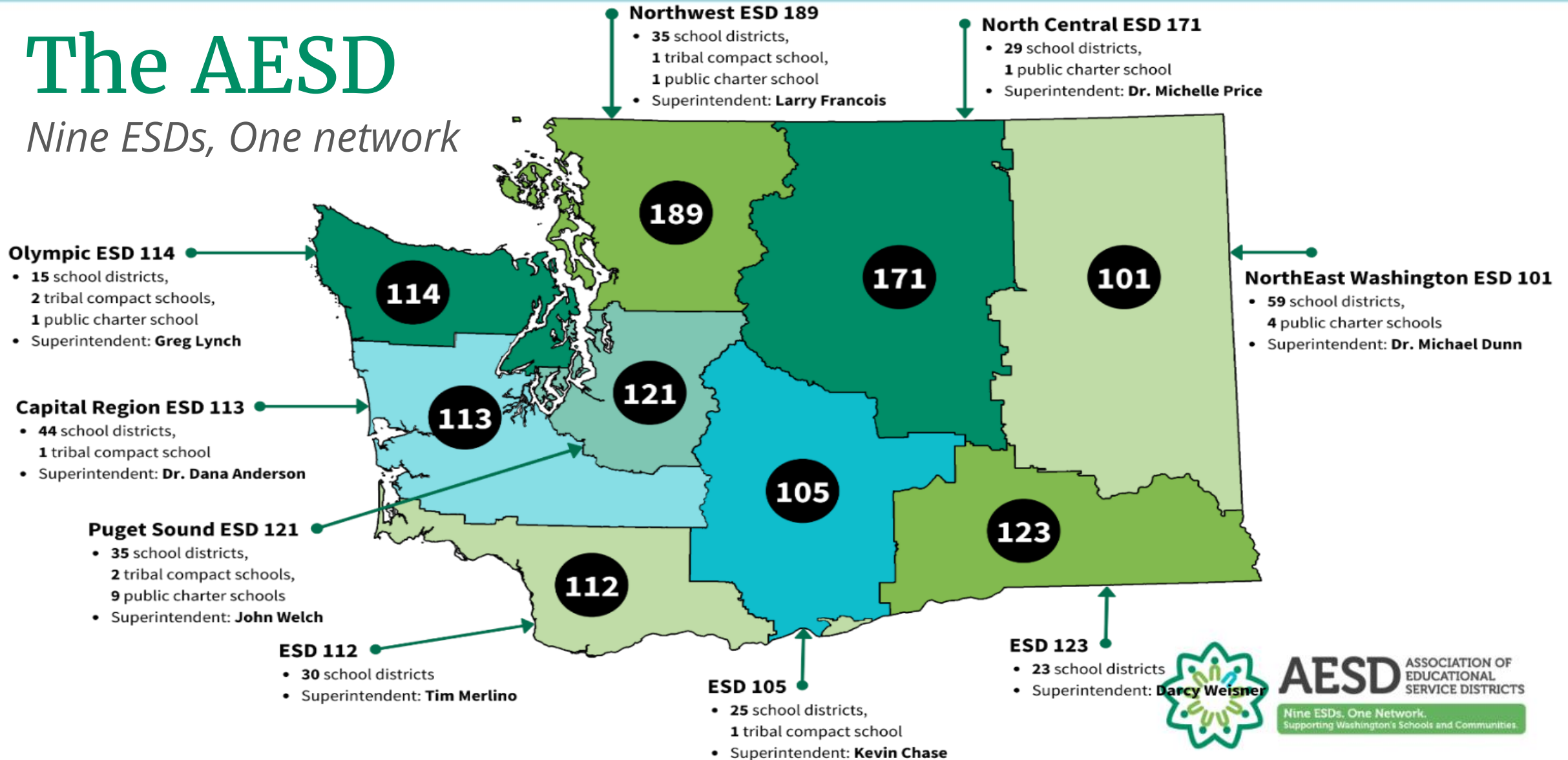
Washington's nine ESDs have evolved from a system that began as 39 individual county offices of education. A series of consolidations and name changes between 1969-1977 ultimately yielded a **statewide system of nine regional ESDs...**



Washington's ESDs

The AESD

Nine ESDs, One network



Serving: **295** school districts | **7** State Tribal Education Compact Schools (STECs) | **16** Public Charter Schools *Statewide!*

By-the-Numbers



Region	LEA Landscape	# K12 Students	# ESD Staff	ESD Operating Budget
NEW ESD 101, Spokane (Northeast)	59 districts 4 public charters	87,840	137	\$21,048,095
ESD 105, Yakima (Yakima Valley)	25 districts 1 Tribal compact	63,863	141	\$36,107,093
ESD 112, Vancouver (Southwest)	30 districts	94,436	510	\$75,898,652
CR ESD 113, Tumwater (Thurston, Lewis, Grays Harbor, Pacific)	44 districts 1 Tribal compact	71,669	169	\$36,600,214
OESD 114, Bremerton (Olympic Peninsula)	15 districts 2 Tribal Compacts 2 Charters	45,647	171	\$21,610,163

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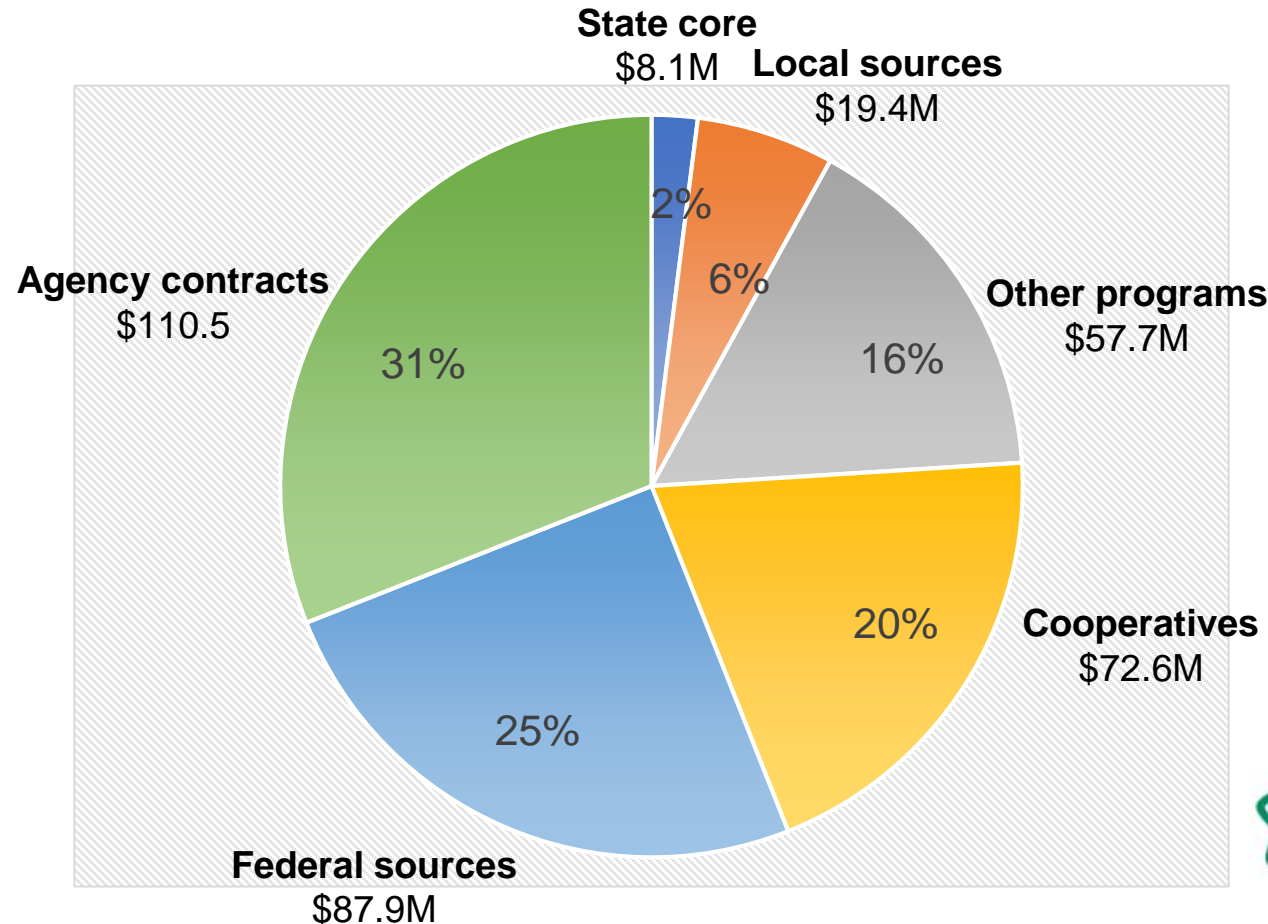
Region	LEA Landscape	# K12 Students	# ESD Staff	ESD Operating Budget
PSESd 121, Renton (Puget Sound)	35 districts 2 Tribal compacts 9 public charters	413,139	374	\$82,510,975
ESD 123, Tri-Cities (Southwest)	23 districts	73,196	143	\$20,853,430
NCESD 171, Wenatchee (North Central)	29 districts 1 public charter	46,465	102	\$17,603,574
NWESD 189, Anacortes (Northwest)	35 districts 1 Tribal compact 1 public charter	159,209	152	\$25,443,589
STATEWIDE TOTALS	295 districts 7 Tribal compacts 16 public charters	1,055,464	1,899	\$337,675,785



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Adding economic value

Sources of Revenue, 2019/20



ESDs leveraged **\$8.1 million** of state allocated core funding into **\$337.7 million** of needed services for students and schools in Washington

For every **\$1** in core funding, ESDs returned **\$42** in educational programs and services - **\$306** for every student in the state



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Roles of ESDs RCW28A.310.210

Considered a political sub-division of the state and statutorily designed to:

- Provide cooperative and informational services to local school districts.
- Assist the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education in the performance of their respective constitutional duties.
- Provide services to school districts to assure equitable educational opportunities for all students



A couple of examples

Regional Committees – district boundaries & organization

- Facilitate petitions for school district boundary changes.
- ESDs assist school districts with meeting regulatory requirements and implementing best practices.

School Board Vacancies

ESDs may appoint individuals to fill vacant school board seats in the case where search is unsuccessful (after three months)

ESD Governance

RCW 28A.310.430

- Each ESD is governed by a Board of Directors, elected by school board members of the school districts in the ESD region, to four-year terms.
- Each ESD has a Superintendents' Advisory Council that approves the annual budget and makes recommendations for ESD service and support
- Each ESD Cooperative is governed by an Advisory Council made up of Superintendents in the region



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PSESD 121, Renton (Puget Sound)	9
ESD 123, Tri-Cities (Southwest)	9
NCESD 171, Wenatchee (North Central)	7
NWESD 189, Anacortes (Northwest)	9
STATEWIDE TOTALS	69



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What is the “AESD”?

- Association for ESD board members
 - Growth and development for ESD board members
- Network of “9” Educational Service Districts – collaborative work across all ESDs
 - Programs & advocacy
- Partnership with OSPI – Network of “10”
 - Statewide initiatives



The AESD: Leadership & Governance

- Nine Member Executive Board (one per ESD)
- Officers: President, Vice President, President Emeritus
- Operates with a Constitution
- ESD superintendents are non-voting, advisory board members
- AESD Executive board meets five times a year including an annual conference
- Annual meeting at conference includes budget adoption & election of officers



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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.

Olympic ESD 114

- **Superintendent:** Gregory Lynch
- **ESD Board President:** Cliff Huenergard
- **AESD Exec. Board Rep.:** Cliff Huenergard

Capital Region ESD 113

- **Superintendent:** Dana Anderson
- **ESD Board President:** Al Cohen
- **AESD Exec. Board Rep.:** Dale McDaniel

Puget Sound ESD 121

- **Superintendent:** John Welch
- **ESD Board President:** Marcella Tomlin
- **AESD Exec. Board Rep.:** Barbara Peterson

ESD 112

- **Superintendent:** Tim Merlino
- **ESD Board President:** Ann Campbell
- **AESD Exec. Board Rep.:** Steve Wrightson

Northwest ESD 189

- **Superintendent:** Larry Francois
- **ESD Board President:** Mark Venn
- **AESD Exec. Board Rep.:** Merle Kirkley

North Central ESD 171

- **Superintendent:** Michelle Price
- **ESD Board President:** Lara MacGuffie
- **AESD Exec. Board Rep.:** Marcia Henkle

NorthEast Washington ESD 101

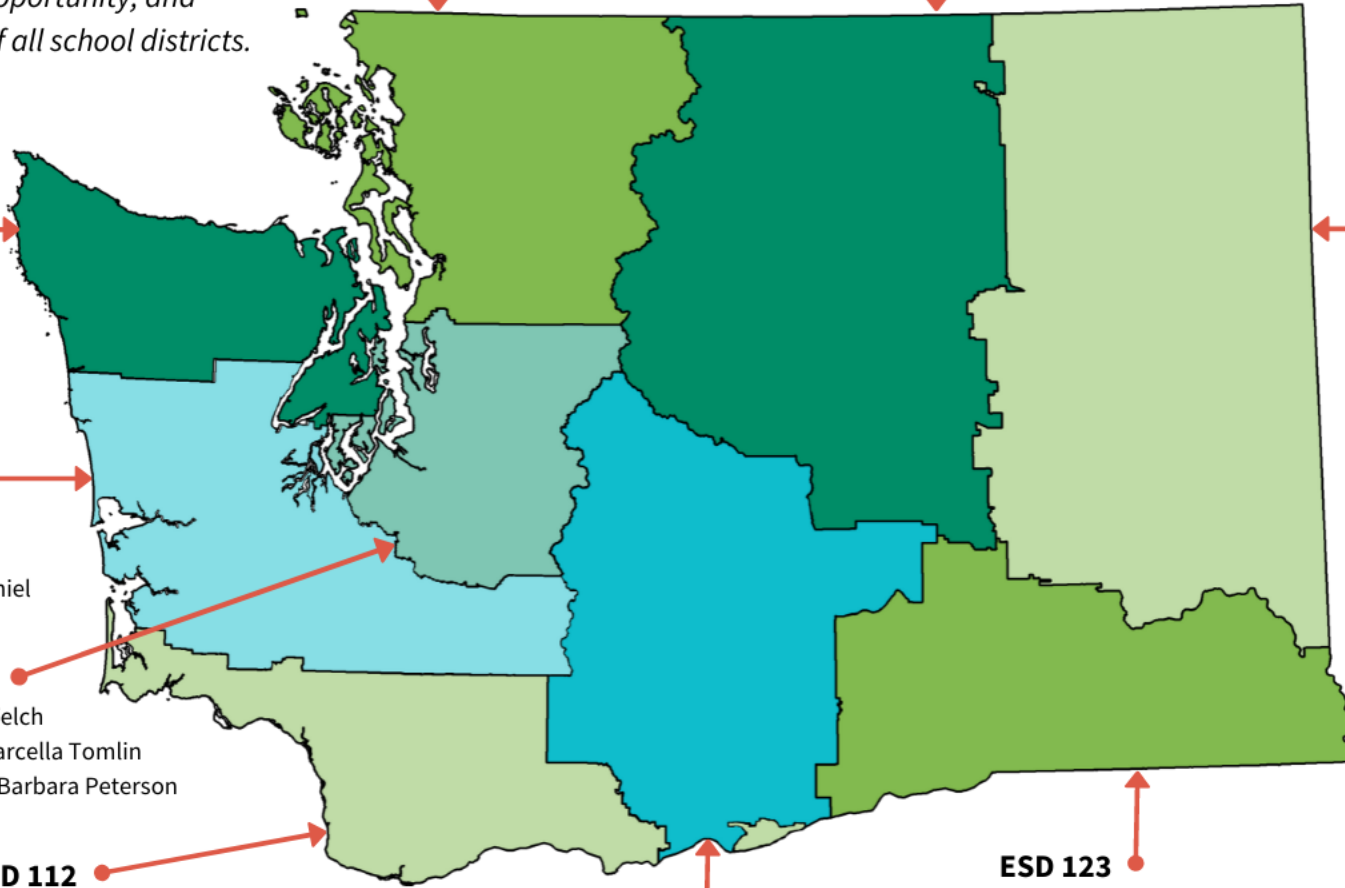
- **Superintendent:** Michael Dunn
- **ESD Board President:** Sally Pfeifer
- **AESD Exec. Board Rep.:** June Sine

ESD 123

- **Superintendent:** Darcy Weisner
- **ESD Board President:** Kara Kaelber
- **AESD Exec. Board Rep.:** Terry Brandon

ESD 105

- **Superintendent:** Kevin Chase
- **ESD Board President:** J.P. Enderby
- **AESD Exec. Board Rep.:** James Sebree



AESD Strategic Plan

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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



Relationships are at the heart of our statewide work

- State agencies
 - OSPI DCYF HCA DOH
- Statewide education associations
- Advocacy groups
- Community Based Organizations
- Communities
- School Districts



Statewide Initiatives

A regional delivery system for statewide programs & services

Learning	Student Supports	Operations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beginning Educator Support Training (BEST)• Educator Networks• Early Learning• Teacher & Principal Evaluation (TPEP)• Native Education• Professional Learning<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Computer Science- English Language Arts- Mathematics- Science & Climate Science- Inclusionary Practices• System & School Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Behavioral Health COVID Response• Career Connected Learning• Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative - Student Assistance Professionals• Early Learning• Education Advocates / Institutional Education• Multi-Tiered Systems of Support• Regional School Safety Centers• School Nurse Corps• Special education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• District Operations<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Communications supports- Fiscal support services- School construction- Hiring supports (i.e., fingerprinting, etc)- Information services (Skyward, WSIPC)- Insurance pools• PPE purchasing & distribution• Program evaluation• School Accreditation• Special education• Student transportation

Regional Delivery Example

- **Distance Learning Support:** Learning Management System (LMS) Solutions Team served over 17,000 educators statewide & included a statewide Regional Educator Network (REN) (**ESSER \$**)
- **Inclusionary Practices** Coordinators supported over 140 school and district teams to implement Universal Design for Learning and other inclusionary practices
- Regional Content Coordinators facilitated close to 300 **content area professional learning** sessions for educators in ELA, Math, Science, Climate Science, Computer Science



Regional Delivery Examples

- Statewide **Educator Leadership Networks** Expanded
 - ELA, Math, Science, Early Learning Fellows
 - Regional Educator Network (Statewide LMS Solutions)
- **Behavioral & mental health services** significantly expanded
 - Federal Community Wellness & Prevention Initiative: Student Assistance Program = 90 student assistance professionals based in +/- 110 sites
 - New Behavioral Health COVID Recovery Project = 60 direct service positions statewide
- **Career Connected Learning** coordinators provided technical assistance to increase system capacity, build equitable student access, and increase connections among regional business and industry partners and school districts



Support in the Pandemic

COVID Response Coordination

Regional networking

- Multiple opportunities each week in every region for districts to stay connected

Statewide services

- K12 COVID Testing Coordination
- PPE procurement / distribution
- Child care & nutrition services mapping (early on)
- Learning device distribution

Statewide coordination/collaboration with OSPI and other K12 leadership associations (60+ statewide webinars, multiple district networking events)

Statewide **distance learning professional development**



An example for Reopening Schools: Statewide PPE Procurement & Distribution

- 3 rounds of procurement facilitated by ESD 112 team and supported by all 9 ESDs
(1st round saved school districts 75% of actual costs)
- Deliveries to over 400 school districts, public charters, tribal compact schools, and private schools
- 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



2021 Legislative Session:

In challenging times, lawmakers think of ESDs

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!

New legislation:

- HB 1365 –**educational technology training, procurement, consultation supports**
- HB 1214 –training for **school security staff**
- SB 5237 Early Start Act for Kids -expands accessible, affordable childcare and **early childhood** development programs.



School Directors Play an Important Role with ESDs!

YOU elect ESD Board Members

➤ *How can this be improved?*

*What are some ideas to **strengthen connections** between school boards and ESD boards?*



Next steps

- WSSDA & AESD collaboration
- Continue statewide partnerships with K12 associations and leaders
- Explore local connections
- Stay in touch!
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Thank you!



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