



2018-2019 Annual Report

Educational Service Unit 7

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A Note from the Administrator



This annual report serves the following purposes:

- To meet legal requirements set forth by §79-1228
- To provide information about ESU 7 activities to member schools, and
- To provide data by which decision can be made.

Educational Service Units (ESUs) were established in 1965 as a solution to the inequities of educational access and opportunities for not only rural school districts, but also for our more urban districts. ESUs provide for economy, efficiency and cost-effectiveness to our member districts in cooperative delivery of supplemental educational services. ESUs have evolved to become necessary educational partners to school districts of all sizes.

The Educational Service Unit 7 was established and fully operational in 1968. The ESU 7 service area covers nearly 3500 square miles, includes 19 member public school districts, 12,754 students, 1110 teachers, 83 school district administrators, and 94 ESU 7 employees. Our services are determined annually through a data-driven process which directly addresses the needs of the school districts. Our mission is to provide leadership and services supporting the improvement of learning and teaching. We are committed to this focus and work closely with our districts to ensure they have the supports they need.

This annual report is an overview of the services provided to those school districts. ESU 7 works proactively to provide services and supports to each of its 19 member school districts. Using data, educational needs for the ESU 7 region are identified and prioritized, and services are developed and deployed by cultivating relationships and partnerships with each of our member districts. ESU 7 provides educational programming and services necessary for our member schools to meet the needs of their students and achieve their continuous improvement goals.

Member school districts rely on ESU 7 for its expertise in special education, professional development, technology and infrastructure support, production, and grant facilitation. On behalf of the ESU 7 Board of Directors, I thank you for taking time to review this annual report. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Larianne Polk

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larianne Polk". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Chief Administrator

SIMPL Services Report

2018–2019 Usage Snapshot

What is SIMPL?

simpl.esucc.org



Service Implementation Model Process and Log

ESU 7 Services

57

ESU 7 Service Recipients

5,835

Cohort ESUs

10

ESUs:

2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, & 17

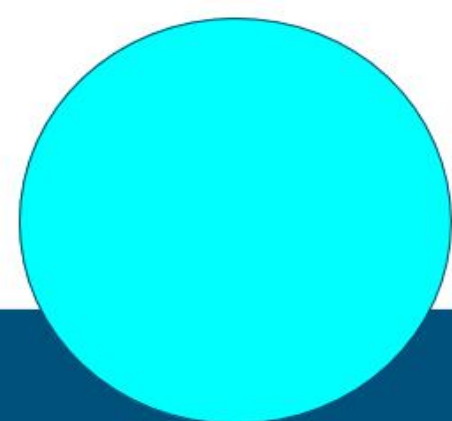
Service Hours Received

2,615

SIMPL

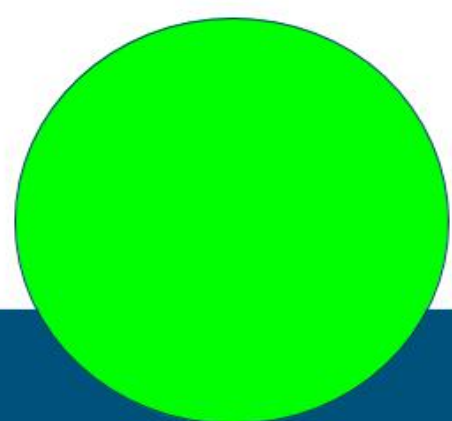
- A data-driven services planning process
- Identifies the needs of ESU 7 districts
- Determines services to fill gaps
- Allows for optimal implementation at the school-district level
- Allows for intentional service customization and development

SIMPL Stages



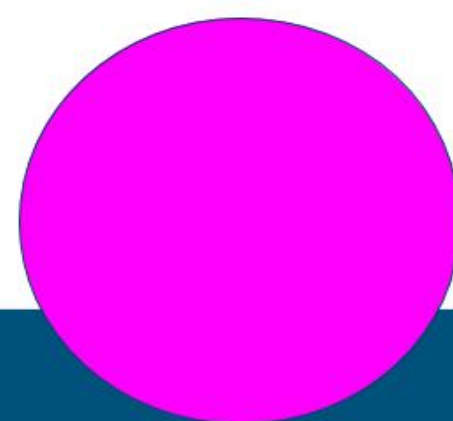
Data Dig

Determine Data Resources
Identify Challenges & Opportunities
Prioritize
Generate Theory of Action
Hypothesize Impact on Education



Services Planning

Determine Key Services
Customize Services per District



Implementation

Evaluate Implementation Levels
Activity Log

Dollars Saved to ESU 7 Schools through Cooperative Purchasing

\$394,275

ESU 7 by the Numbers...

A demographic snapshot...

ESU 7

Who we are and what we believe



Departments

11

Administration, Cen7ter, Early Childhood, Grants, Migrant, Network Operations, Production, Professional Development, Psychology, Speech/Language & Vision

Staff Members

94

School Districts

19

Boone Central, Central City, Clarkson, Columbus, Cross County, David City, East Butler, Fullerton, High Plains, Howells-Dodge, Humphrey, Lakeview, Leigh, Osceola, Palmer, Schuyler, Shelby-Rising City, St. Edward & Twin River

Legislative Districts

6

15 - Senator Walz
22 - Senator Moser
23 - Senator Bostelman
24 - Senator Kolterman
34 - Senator Friesen
41 - Senator Briese

The mission of ESU 7 is to provide leadership and services supporting the improvement of learning and teaching

Beliefs

7

1. We Believe...all public school districts are a vital part of service planning.
2. We Believe...in offering effective and efficient services to public schools.
3. We Believe...in leading with trust and reliability
4. We Believe...in hiring high quality and diverse staff
5. We Believe...in collaboration between NDE, ESU 7 and districts to benefit all stakeholders.
6. We Believe...in focusing on student and family learning to create productive citizens and adults.
7. We Believe...in innovation

Counties

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Boone
Butler
Colfax
Merrick
Nance
Platte
Polk

Board Members

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ESU 7 Services



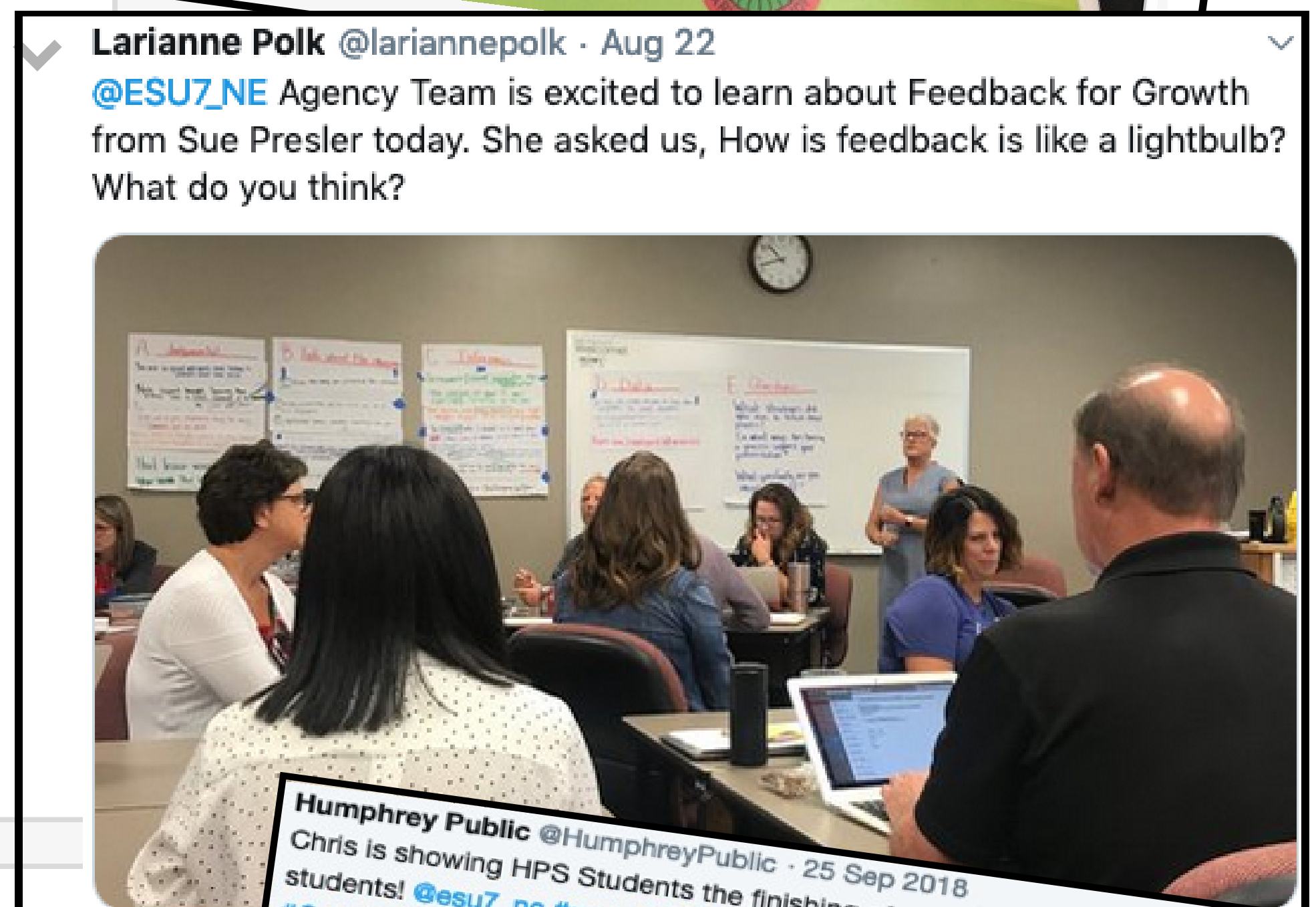
Professional Development

ESU 7 provides professional development support and technical assistance related to curriculum, instruction, assessment, standards and school improvement to enhance learning, teaching and school/district planning.



Instructional Resources

ESU 7 provides instructional materials through a regional center to support curriculum standards and instruction including information literacy and skill development.



Technology

ESU 7 provides technology support, consultation, assistance, training and skill development for hardware and software in addition to cost-savings for internet services and software purchases.

ESU 7 also provides organized implementation of technology aligned to and supportive of the school improvement process.



Distance Learning

ESU 7 coordinates courses for Kindergarten - 12 grade students and professional development for educators using an alternative method of delivery.



ESU 7 Services



Special Education

ESU 7 provides contracted Special Education services to districts including: Psychology, Speech and Language, Vision, Hearing, Early Childhood, Resource Coach, Behavior Specialist and Program Supervision.



Behavior Specialist

Behavior Specialist Services focus on working with administration, teachers, paraprofessionals, psychologists, students and families to develop positive social - emotional behavioral skills.



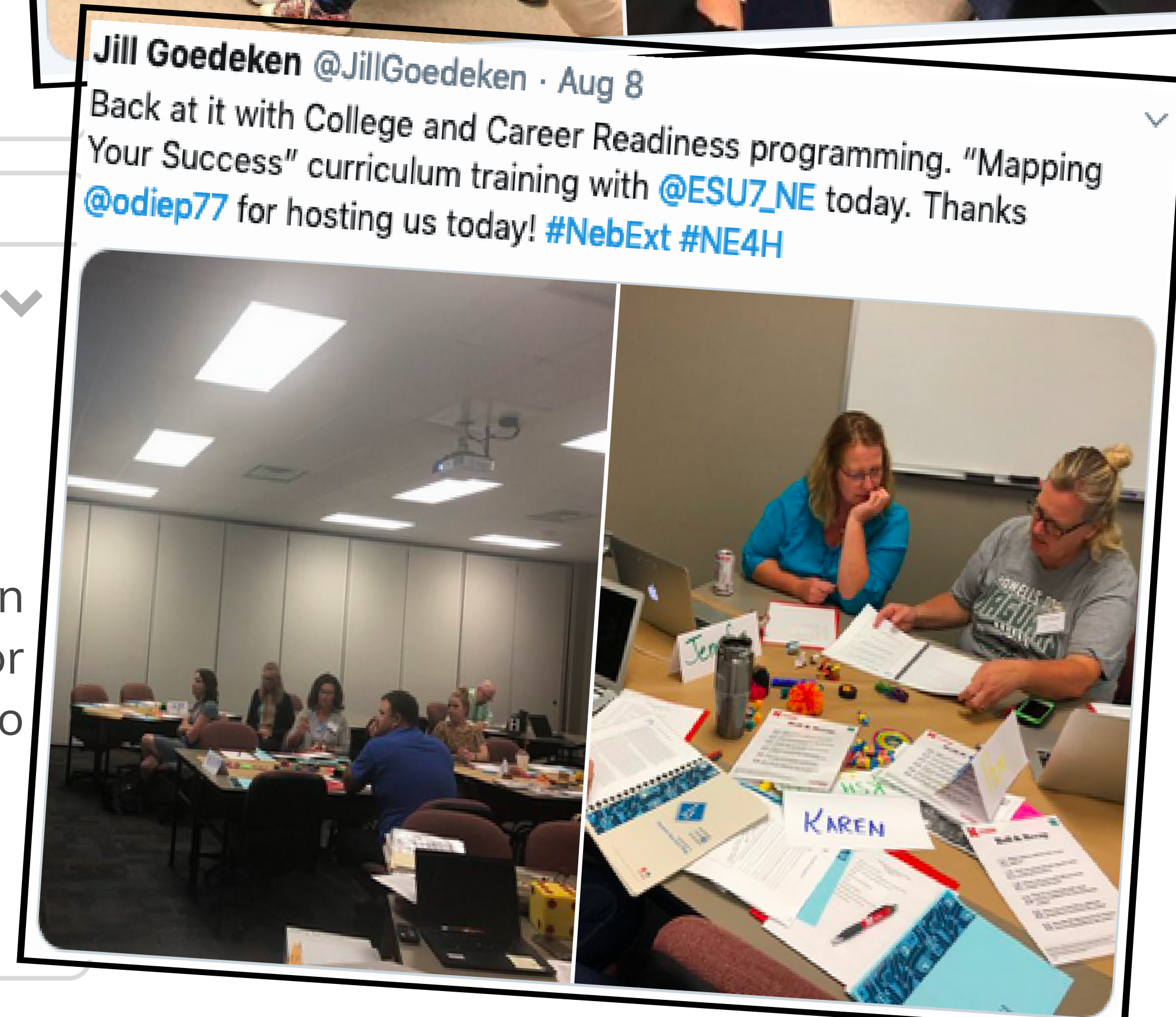
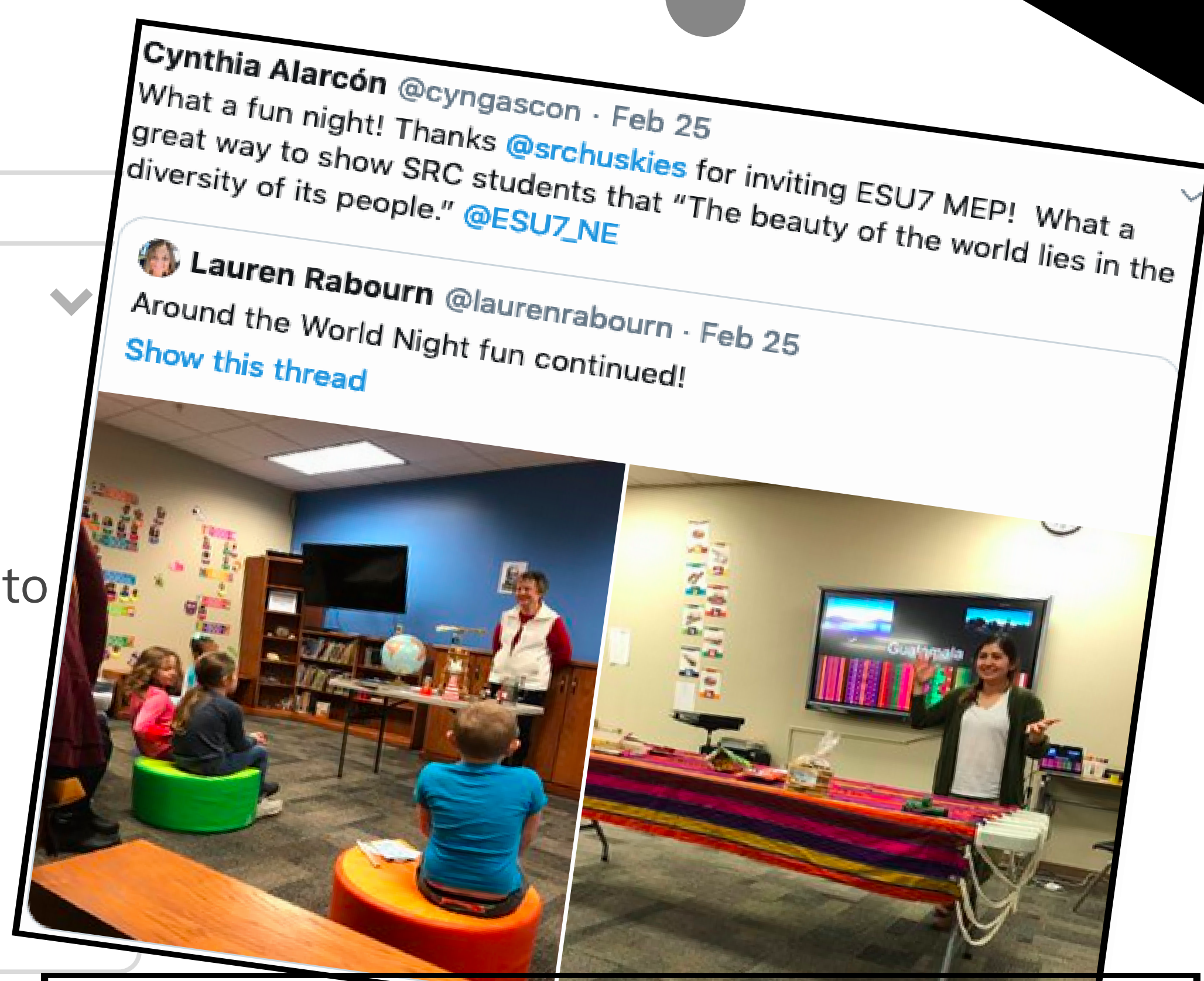
Early Childhood

Early Childhood intervention includes a variety of programs available for children 0 - 5 years of age including evaluation, intervention and program planning for children experiencing learning difficulties and/or developmental delays.



Deaf Education

A teacher of the Hearing Impaired provides deaf education services and/or consultation for students verified as deaf or hard of hearing. Deaf Educators work with an audiologist to ensure appropriate aural rehabilitation services.



ESU 7 Services



Program Supervision

ESU 7's Special Education Department offers leadership and service in collaboration with our school districts in several areas.



Psychology

ESU 7 provides comprehensive school psychological services to students, schools and families, helping students succeed in academic achievement, social skills acquisition, behavior functioning and positive social - emotional development.



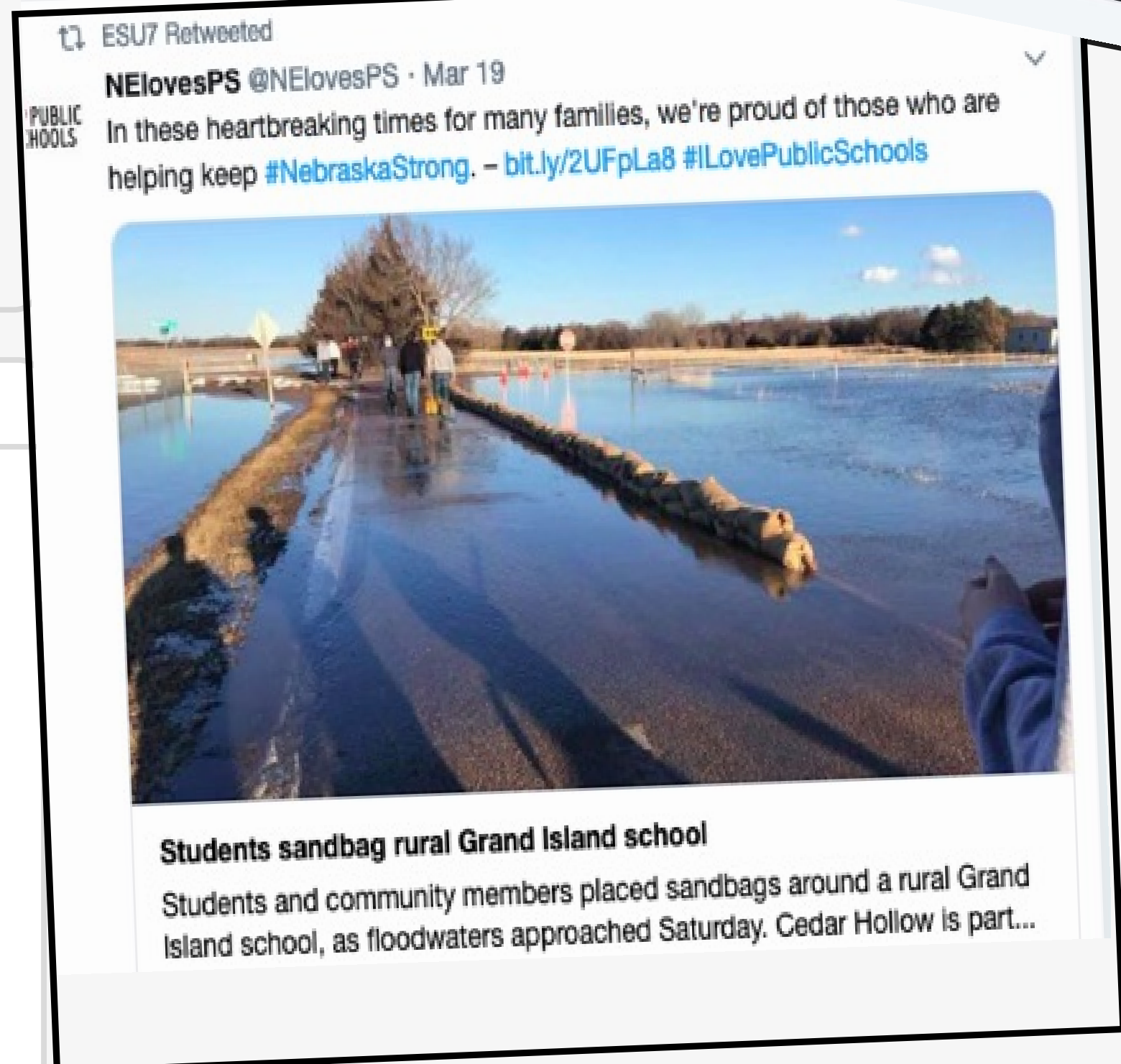
Resource Coach

Resource Coaches work with teachers/other district staff to provide guidance, training, resources and strategies for working with students/utilize programming and materials.



Speech and Language

Speech/Language Pathologists (SLPs) address evaluation, consultation and intervention for children experiencing speech/language difficulties. SLPs also provide support for children with articulation disorders, voice problems and dysfluency.



ESU 7 Services



Vision

The ESU 7 Vision Team provides resources, services and supports in collaboration with schools, families and community agencies to children/youth who have a visual impairment.



Federal and State Grant Facilitation

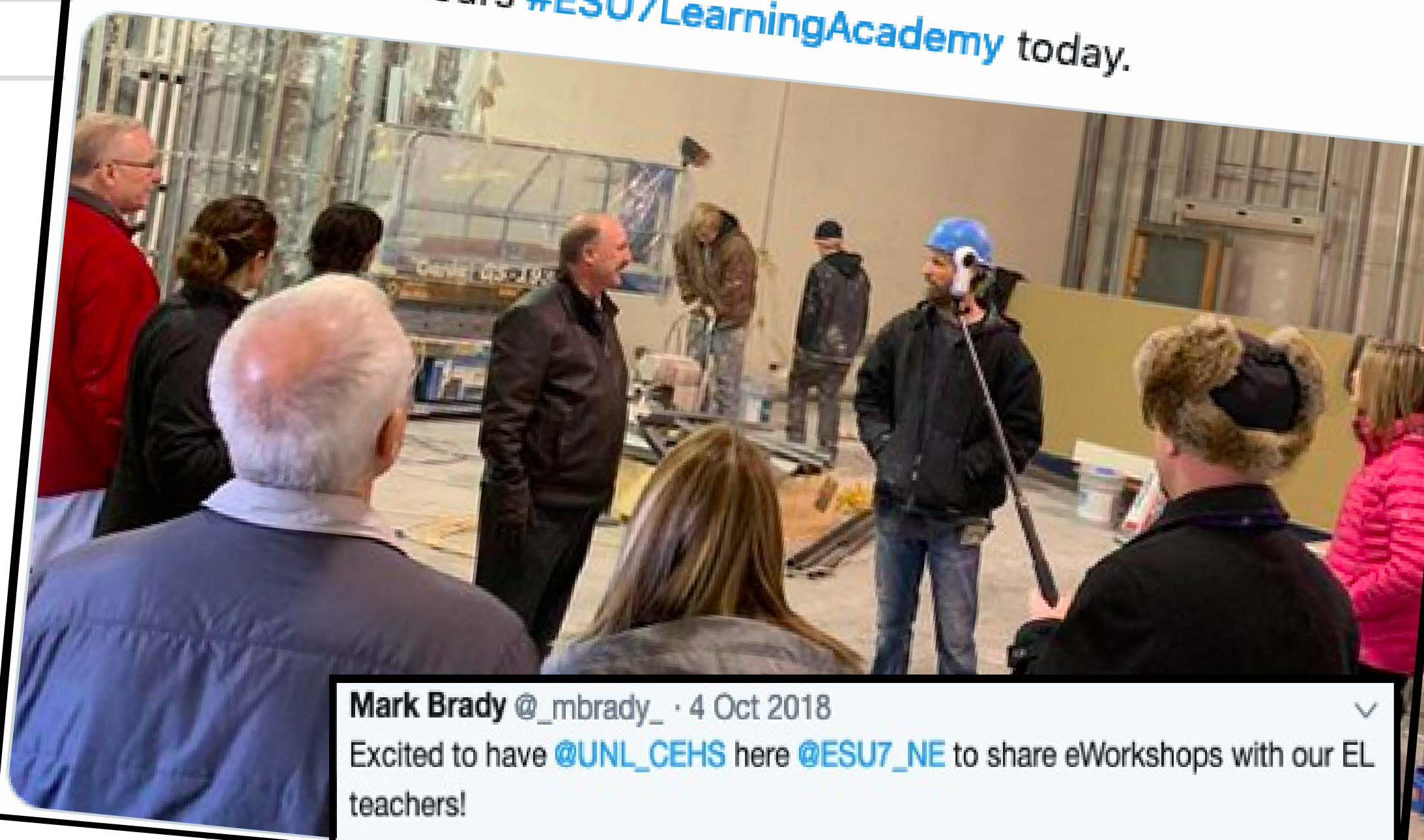
ESU 7 facilitates state and federal grants including ESU 7 Title I Cooperative, ESU 7 Title IIA, ESU 7 Migrant Education (Title IC), ESU 7 Title III, ESU 7 Title IV, Carl Perkins, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Early Learning Connection (ELC), Planning Region Team (PRT), Transition and Improving Learning for Children with Disabilities (ILCD).



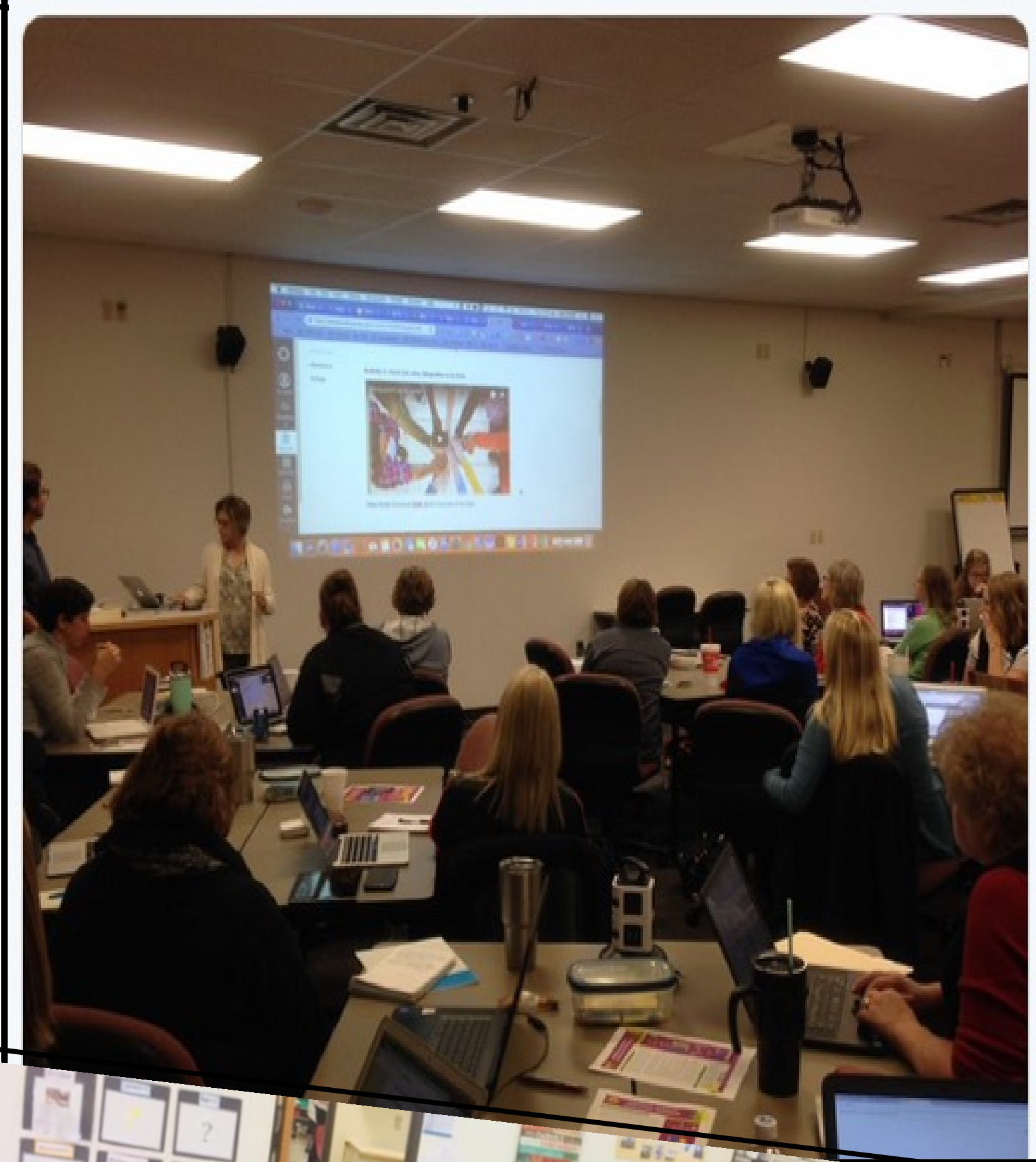
Production/Art Media

ESU 7 offers efficient and cost - effective production and art media services including copying, collating, stapling, laminating, binding, folding, letters and symbols, fill color poster printing as well as lamination of materials to support instruction.

ESU7 @ESU7_NE · Feb 8
Principal Cluster tours #ESU7LearningAcademy today.



Mark Brady @_mbrady_ · 4 Oct 2018
Excited to have @UNL_CEHS here @ESU7_NE to share eWorkshops with our EL teachers!

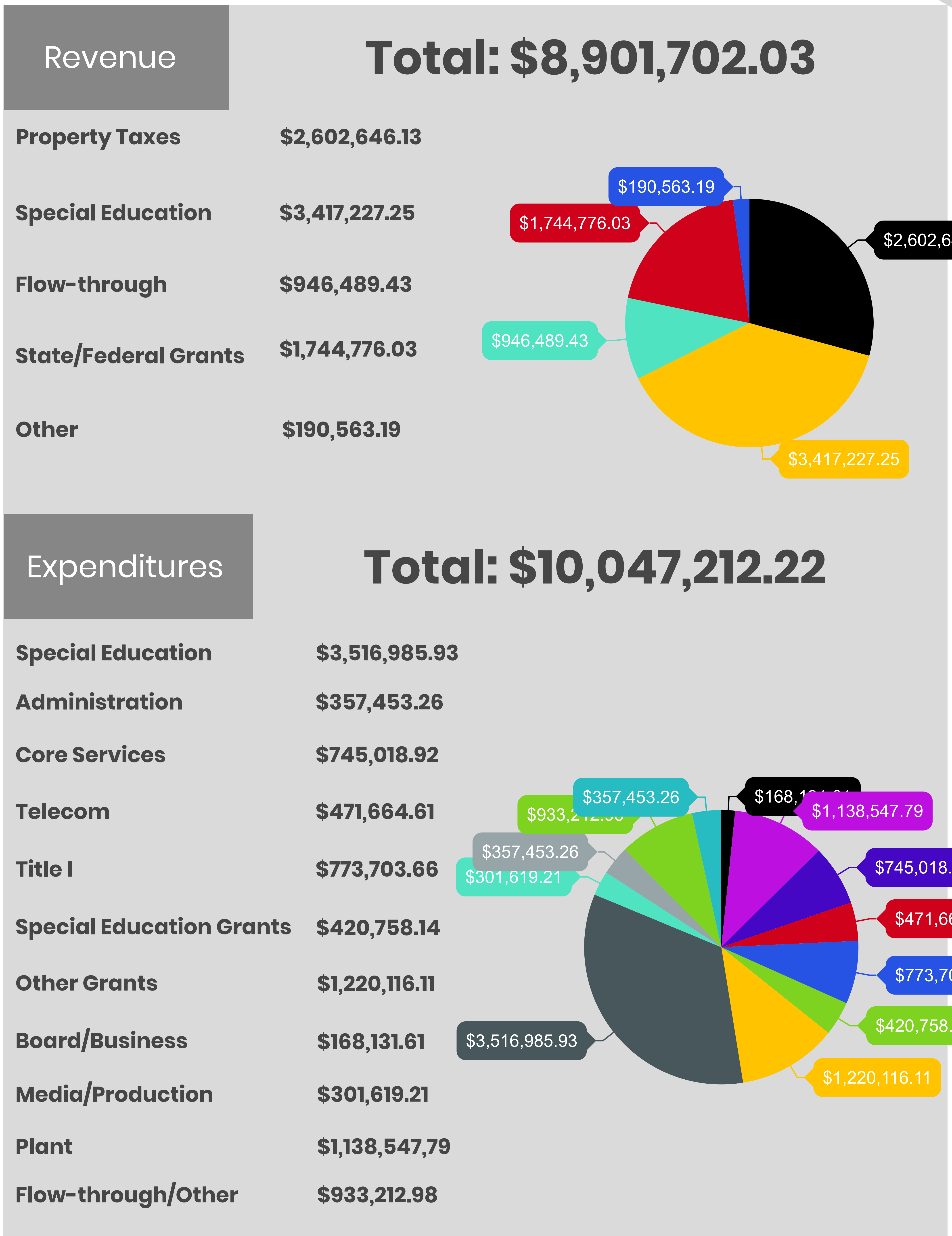


"We walk behind our schools to keep them moving, beside them to help them stay focused and on track, and far enough in front of them to not only see where they are going, but to anticipate their needs." - Administrator Polk



Expenditures and Revenues

Breakdown per Category



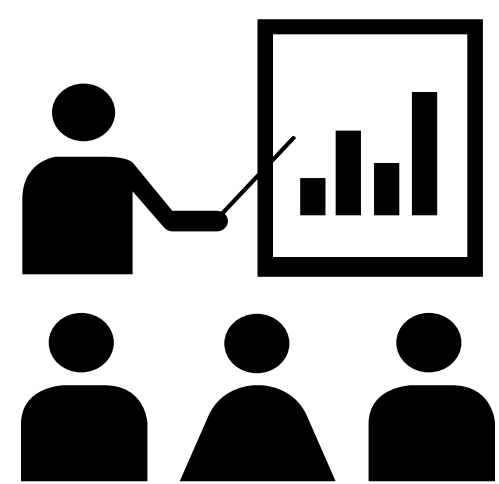
2018-2019 Service Usage

| | Boone Central Schools | Central City | Clarkson | Columbus | Cross County Community Schools | David City | East Butler | Fullerton | High Plains Community Schools | Howells-Dodge Consolidated Schools | Humphrey | Lakeview Community Schools | Leigh Community Schools | Osceola | Palmer | Schuyler Community Schools | Shelby - Rising City | St Edward | Twin River |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------|--------|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Assessment Literacy & Development | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ● | ● | ● | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Autism Spectrum Disorders Grant | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Behavior Analyst | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| BlendEd | ✓ | | ● | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | |
| Cen7ter | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Classroom Coaching | ● | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Continuous Improvement Process | ● | ✓ | ● | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ● | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ● | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Coop Purchasing | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Crisis/ School Safety | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Deaf Education | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ● | | | |
| Develop & revise curriculum based on standards | | | ✓ | | | ● | | | | ✓ | ● | ● | ● | | ● | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Distance Learning Consortium | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Early Childhood | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| E-Rate Filing & Consultation | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Grant Facilitation | ● | ● | ● | ✓ | ● | ● | ● | ✓ | ● | ✓ | ● | ✓ | ✓ | ● | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ● |
| Group Purchasing (On-to-college, policy updates etc) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Instructional Materials Adoption | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| Instructional Models | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Instructional Strategies | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ● | ✓ | ● | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Internet Access | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| LAN Manager Program | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| LanMan Partnership | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Math Content Training | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Media Lending Library | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ● | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ● | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ● | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mental Health | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS/RDA) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Network Planning & Consultation | ● | ✓ | ● | ● | ● | ● | ✓ | ● | ✓ | ● | ✓ | ● | ● | ✓ | ● | ✓ | ✓ | ● | ✓ |
| New Teacher Academy | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| NWEA Training/Support | ✓ | ✓ | ● | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ● | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Other/Non-NSCAS Content Trainings | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| PEaK | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Perkins Grant | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

2018-2019 Service Usage (cont.)

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| Personalized PD | | ● | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | | | | ● | | | | |
| Principal Coaching | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Principal Development | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Principal/Teacher Evaluation | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Production/Art Media | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Products and Subscriptions | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Program Supervision | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Psychology | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ● | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Reading Content Training | ✓ | ● | | | ● | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | ● | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Resource Coach | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Science Content Training | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ● | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Speech Language | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Superintendent Development | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Tech Integration Specialist program meetings | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ● | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Technical Support | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Technical Training (hardware, software, device) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ● | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Technology Integration: | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Title 1 COOP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Title II-A Consortium | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Title III - English Learners | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Transition Grant | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Virtual Field Trips | ✓ | | ● | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Vision | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Writing Content Training | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Zoom, Scopia | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ● | ● | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Data & Statistics

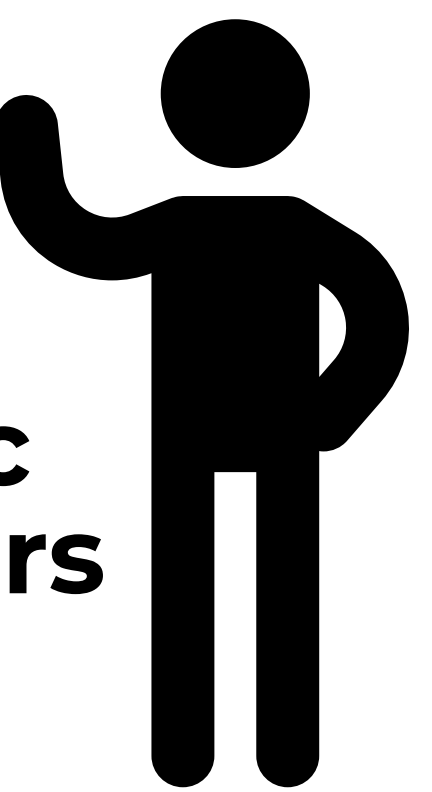


12,754
Students

School District Priorities

- Safety & Security
- Mental Health
- Financial Stability

1,110
Public
Teachers



83
Public
Administrators

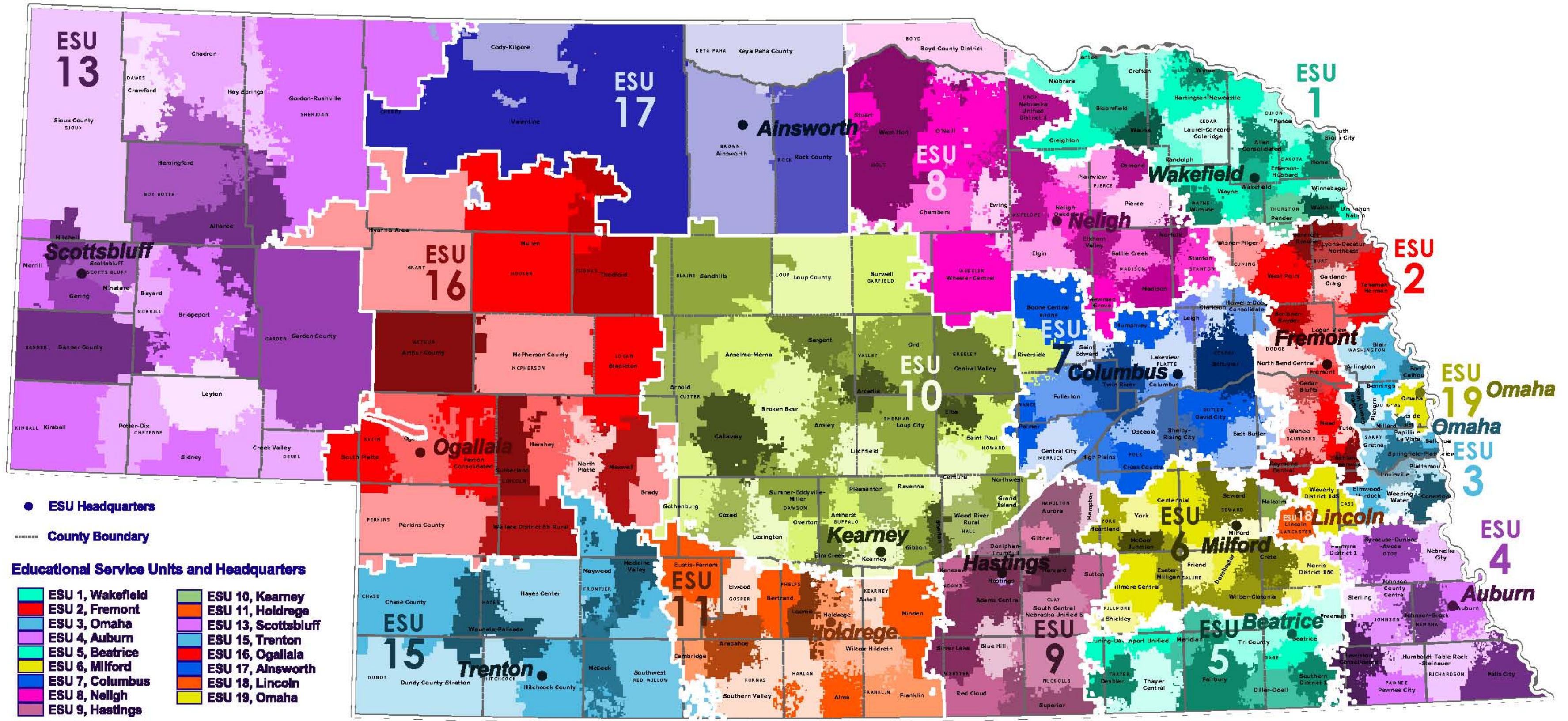


96%
Graduation
Rate



Nebraska's Educational Service Units

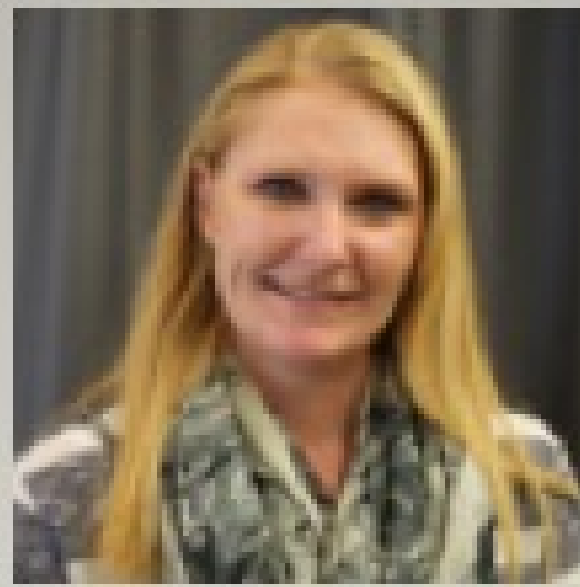
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Richard Stephens
District 1



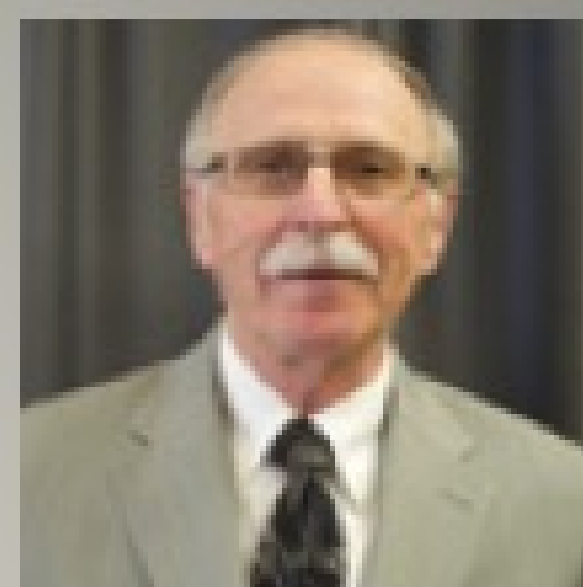
Gary Wieseler
District 2



Jen Miller
District 3



Richard Luebbe
District 4

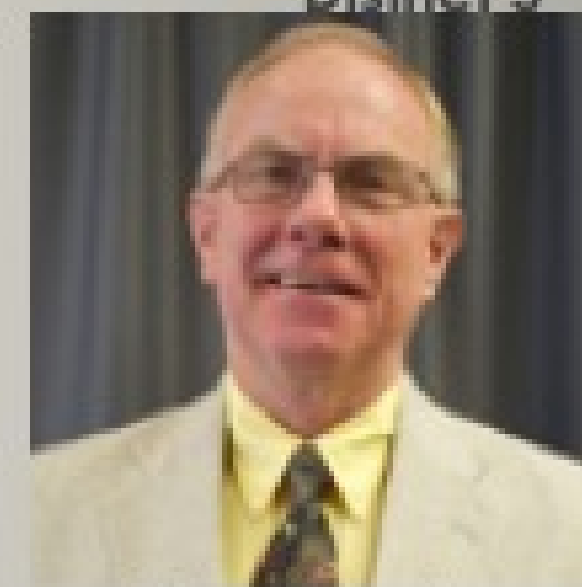


Jack Young
District 5

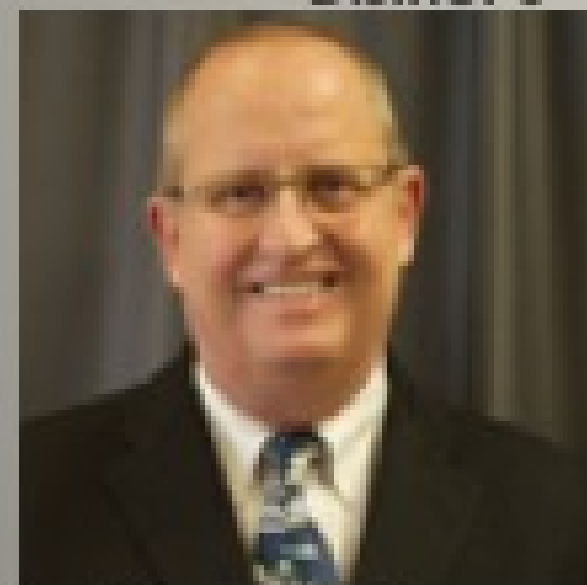


Doug Kluth
District 6

ESU 7 Board of Directors



Dan Hoesly
District 7



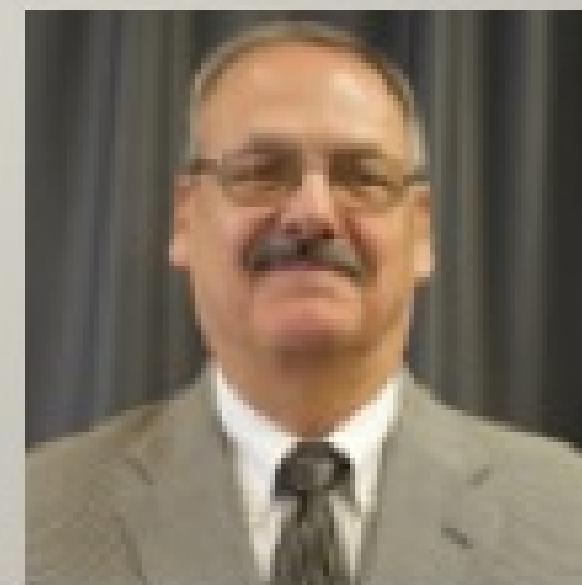
Doug Pauley
District 8



Joyce Baumert
District 9



Marni Danhauer
District 10



Terry Fusco
District 11



Don Ellison
District 11

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