An introduction of ESD 112-region superintendents and our work together
Mission Driven

Educational Service District 112 equalizes educational opportunities for learning communities through innovative partnerships, responsive leadership, and exceptional programs.
Dear Superintendents,

As we launch into another great school year, we at ESD 112 are honored to partner with you and your teams to advance educational priorities for the 100,000+ students we collectively serve in Southwest Washington. 2019-2020 marks the 50th anniversary of Washington’s educational service districts! We celebrated our “birthday” at a recognition ceremony at the State Capitol, as well as a 50th-themed statewide conference and many other special staff and public events. As we reflected on our history and looked to the future, we never fail to acknowledge that we are only successful because of the partnerships we share with our school districts. At ESD 112, our staunch commitment is to develop and provide the services you request and need. Thank you for entrusting us to help do that!

I am privileged to enjoy a close working relationship with superintendents that allows for us to facilitate the sharing of ideas and opportunities, as well as collaboration and savings on dollars and resources. Our work together creates a strong alliance to support students, educators and families in our region. The opportunities for pooling resources are numerous. This publication explains the financial partnerships in which we engage (grants, fee-for-service, and cooperatives), and introduces our superintendent colleagues.

As your partner in education, I look forward to your continued feedback about our services, suggestions for improvement and innovative ideas as we move forward together.

Sincerely,

Tim Merlino
ESD 112 Superintendent
BATTLE GROUND

Average FTE: 13,544        County: Clark

Superintendent: Mark Ross

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» Legislative Ad Hoc Committee
» Science and Math Materials Cooperative Executive Advisory Committee

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» Specialized Transportation Cooperative Executive Advisory Committee
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Superintendent: Tyson Vogeler

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» Legislative Ad Hoc Committee
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» Southwest Washington Workers’ Compensation Trust Executive Committee

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» Specialized Transportation Cooperative Executive Advisory Committee
» Southwest Washington Workers’ Compensation Trust Executive Committee
» Special Education ESA Executive Advisory Committee
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ESD 112 serves as a partner and fiscal agent for many grants written on behalf of school districts. By working in partnership, districts qualify for funds that would not otherwise be available. ESD 112 assists local districts in writing, submitting, and administering grant programs on behalf of a group of school districts or community organizations.

Some examples of collaborative grants in the areas of:

- Prevention/Intervention
- Case management for youth in the juvenile justice system
- Support for Beginning Teachers (BEST)
- Teacher and Principal Evaluation Program (TPEP)
- System and School Improvement
- 21st Century Afterschool Programs
- WaKIDS
- Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)
- Early Headstart
- Computer Science Grant
- Climate Science Grant
- Workforce Southwest Washington
FEE-FOR-SERVICE

School districts often enter into fee-for-service agreements with ESD 112 based on a specific project or annual contract. Often times these partnerships arise from a district request. The ESD offers a variety of services that may be purchased for a fee by individual districts.

Examples of these services include:

» Legal
» Prevention/Intervention
» Communications Services
» Specialized Transportation
» School Nurse Services
» School Improvement
» Professional Development
» Procurement/Purchasing
» Alternative Education (Student programs)
» Graphic Design
» Business Management
» Construction Management

» Staffing/Human Resources
» Network/Information Management
» Certification
» Accreditation
» E-Rate Consortium
» Threat Assessment
» 1-2-3 Grow and Learn
» Financial Advisory Services
» Instructional Coaching
» Truancy
» Childcare (Parent Pay)
» ESD-U
ESD 112 serves as the fiscal agent for several cooperatives that are governed by an advisory committee comprised of member school districts. These long-term partnerships play an important role in allowing organizations to achieve objectives that might not be realized by acting individually. Key to the structure of cooperatives are superintendents who play a critical role in the operation and joint decision making of a cooperative.

ESD 112 cooperatives have been through both prosperous and lean times. While cooperatives are always an effective way to pool resources, they are even more important when times are tough. Members share the financial risk when they enter into a cooperative and all participants experience a leveling of costs over time.
**Districts collaborate through the following cooperatives:**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION (ESA)**
Unique in Washington state, the Special Education ESA effectively and economically serves students with disabilities from birth-21 in 28 school districts.

**SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON CLOCK HOURS COOPERATIVE**
The Clock Hours Cooperative provides districts with a centralized staff development approval and record keeping system.

**DIGITAL MEDIA COOPERATIVE**
Promoting 21st century learning through the use of technology tools and resources.

**STEM MATERIALS CENTER**
Providing K-8 science teachers standards-based STEM kits and additional resources to efficiently and effectively create a lifelong interest in science and mathematics.

**SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE**
Transportation services for students with disabilities, homeless students, and students attending the Washington Schools for the Blind and Deaf.

**QUEST ACADEMY**
Based in Cowlitz County, Quest is a day treatment program for students who need behavioral treatments and supports.

**SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL SERVICE CENTER COOPERATIVE**
Comprehensive student record and fiscal accounting system as part of the statewide Washington School Information Processing Cooperative System (WSiPC).

**SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE COOPERATIVE**
Provides property and liability insurance coverages for member districts.

**SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION POOL**
Provides unemployment compensation benefits for member districts.

**SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON WORKERS’ COMPENSATION TRUST**
Provides industrial accident insurance coverage for member districts.

**SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON STEM NETWORK**
The STEM Network is a transformative public-private initiative that seeks to provide students equitable access to challenging, relevant and integrated STEM learning experiences for all students in the region.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ESD 112 is governed by a seven-member board, which is elected by local school board members throughout a six-county geographic region. These volunteers are strong education advocates in our community. They understand education policy and are involved in the issues, opportunities and challenges at both the state and local levels. The ESD 112 board members are the critical link between communities and school districts.

DR. RICHARD GRAHAM, DISTRICT 1
Represents Kelso, Kalama, Woodland, Green Mountain, La Center and Battle Ground

MARK HOTTOWE, DISTRICT 2
Represents Ocean Beach, Naselle-Grays River Valley, Wahkiakum, Longview, Castle Rock, Toutle Lake and Kelso

STEVE WRIGHTSON, DISTRICT 3
Represents Hockinson, Battle Ground and Evergreen

LEANNE BREMER, DISTRICT 4
Represents Battle Ground, Ridgefield and Vancouver

Marilyn Koenninger, DISTRICT 5
Represents Vancouver

DARLENE STICKEL, DISTRICT 6
Represents Evergreen

Ann Campbell, DISTRICT 7, CHAIR
An advisory cabinet comprised of nine leaders with a wide range of backgrounds and expertise provide guidance to the superintendent. Cabinet members provide a wealth of experience in instruction; early learning; communications; professional development; special education; business and finance management; technology; and legal and employee relations.

Feel free to call us anytime!

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CONFERENCE CENTER
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We have a full-service conference center which accommodates up to 250 people. It includes studios equipped for two-way video conferencing throughout the state. Meeting rooms provide monitors, DVD players, document cameras, screens, and display boards. Computer classrooms are available for training and workshops.

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VISIT US ONLINE:
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Our website offers a general guide to programs and services, training opportunities, special events, employment openings, a map of districts in Southwest Washington, links to their sites and other educational sites, and more!

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