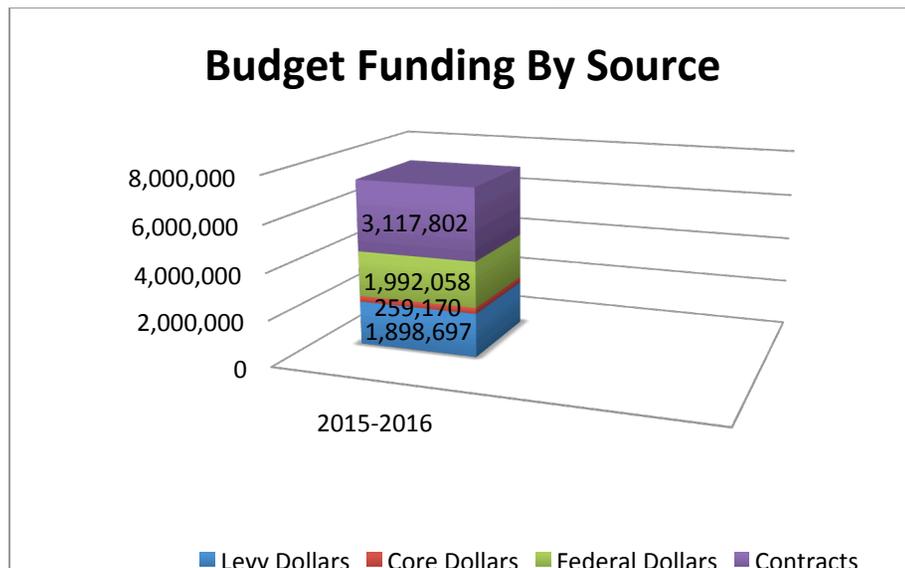


FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS

ESU's operate under two budget constraints. A levy limit of 1.5¢ per \$100 of actual valuation guides revenue and an expenditure limit that states the current year's funds (defined as property taxes and state core funds) cannot exceed the prior year's budgeted restricted funds plus state determined growth.

The following graph represents anticipated budgeted receipts received from each funding source. The amount contracted to districts (\$3,091,427) depicts the greatest share of all the sources. This amount is based heavily on services to districts, specifically special education services.



FEDERAL & CONTRACTED PROGRAMS

ESU 2 manages consortium and cooperative programs, such as Title I, Perkins, Special Education, and Distance Education for area schools that choose to participate.

SERVICE CREDIT DOLLARS

Service Credits, generated from local levy funds in the amount of \$333,172, are used to provide a variety of school services as determined locally. Individual school district Service Credit amounts are calculated using the formula of 50% student enrollment and 50% district valuation based on grades of instruction listed in the NDE Directory.



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Mission: Commitment to Quality Service

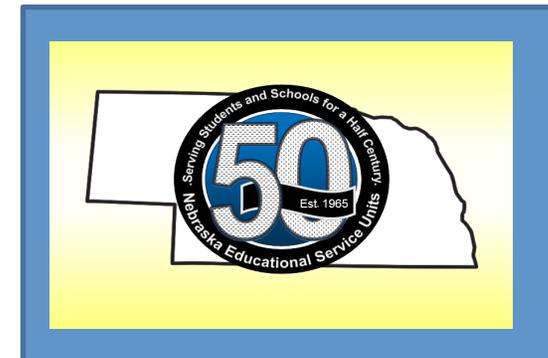
Vision: Developing effective partnerships while providing leadership and learning for all.

Beliefs: Collaboration; Education; Leadership; Communication

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SERVICE AREA

Educational Service Unit 2 provides educational services to sixteen school districts that are located in the counties of Burt, Cuming, Dodge, and Saunders. Several ESU 2 member school districts extend into adjacent counties, as a result portions of Butler, Cass, Colfax, Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy, Seward, Stanton, Thurston, Washington, and Wayne counties are included in the ESU 2 service area.



ADDING VALUE TO EDUCATION FOR 50 YEARS

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

School districts contract with ESU 2 to provide cooperative special education services for students. Program rates are based on the projected budget needs. As in prior years, an 8% fee is charged for administrative supervision of contracted ESU 2 personnel. The special education department director and consultants provide assistance to all ESU 2 school districts for federally funded programs and for contracted administrative services.

This includes the ESU 2 Special Education Level III Advisory Program for students with behavioral issues. The ESU 2 Independent School began serving students in August 2013. The total number of Special Education Staff Members includes:

<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>
26.6	25.4	31.0

STATE INITIATIVES

In recent years, educational leaders have worked to improve teacher and principal effectiveness. One key component of this improvement process is the development of an effective, growth oriented evaluation model. Along with this initiative, three others have been established:

Blended Learning is an educational environment in which students have in part some element of control over time, place, path, and pace. This requires some of the learning to take place through online delivery of content. Many elements of Blended Learning are already in place for our schools. This includes the use of distance learning through the NE Virtual Instruction Source (NVIS), desktop video conferencing technologies (VCT), as well as courses designed for online through learning management systems (LMS).

As one can see, there are a number of technological opportunities for teachers and students to use. These result in the second state initiative: the **Learning Object Repository (LOR)**. Simply put, the LOR amasses separate resources in a way that students and staff may easily access all with a single username and password.

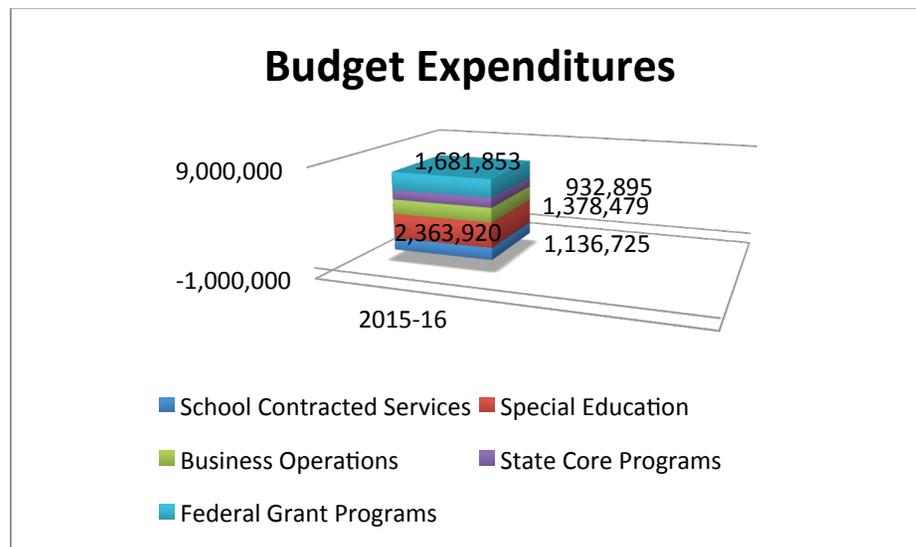
Finally, a state project is underway to establish an assessment data warehouse - the **Statewide Longitudinal Data System**. This system will collect student data then use analysis tools to help generate standards-based, individually-appropriate lessons.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The dedicated staff of ESU 2 focus time and energy to support the initiatives outlined above. Technologically, we boast of a new state of the art data center to support these needs. The support provided to member schools and the staff within is priority #1. As our mission states, our commitment is to quality service.

PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

The following graph represents the expenditures for each content area.



BOARD

The ESU 2 Board is comprised of eight representatives. Each term of office is four years and he/she serves without compensation. The Board meets once a month normally at 1:00 P.M. on the third Monday of the month. Meetings are held at the ESU 2 office. Names and districts of the current Board are:

<u>District</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
1	Dean Chase	Vice-President
2	Wayne Erickson	Member
3	Harlan Schrieber	Secretary
4	George Robertson	Member
5	Ed Rastovski	Member
6	Vern Gibson	President
7	Rich McGill	Member
8	Louise Nabb	Member

LEADERSHIP TEAM

ESU 2 is led by the following department heads:

Dr. Ted DeTurk	Administrator
Dr. Caryn Zietlow	Professional Development
Jody Phillips	Student Services
Corey Colvin	Technology
Diane Wolfe	Special Projects

