

NWESD



ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT FOR 2009 - 2010 SCHOOL YEAR Northwest Educational Service District 189

Northwest Educational Service District 189 (NWESD) is one of nine regional service entities serving the needs of K-12 educators. Established in 1969 by the state Legislature, NWESD is proud of the valuable service it has provided for 41 years. The purpose of these regional educational agencies is to assure that quality services are available to all public and private schools in their respective service areas. NWESD serves 35 school districts with 367 schools and 76 state-approved private schools in the five counties of northwest Washington. Schools in Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom counties benefit from cooperative programs, grants and timely education services through NWESD.

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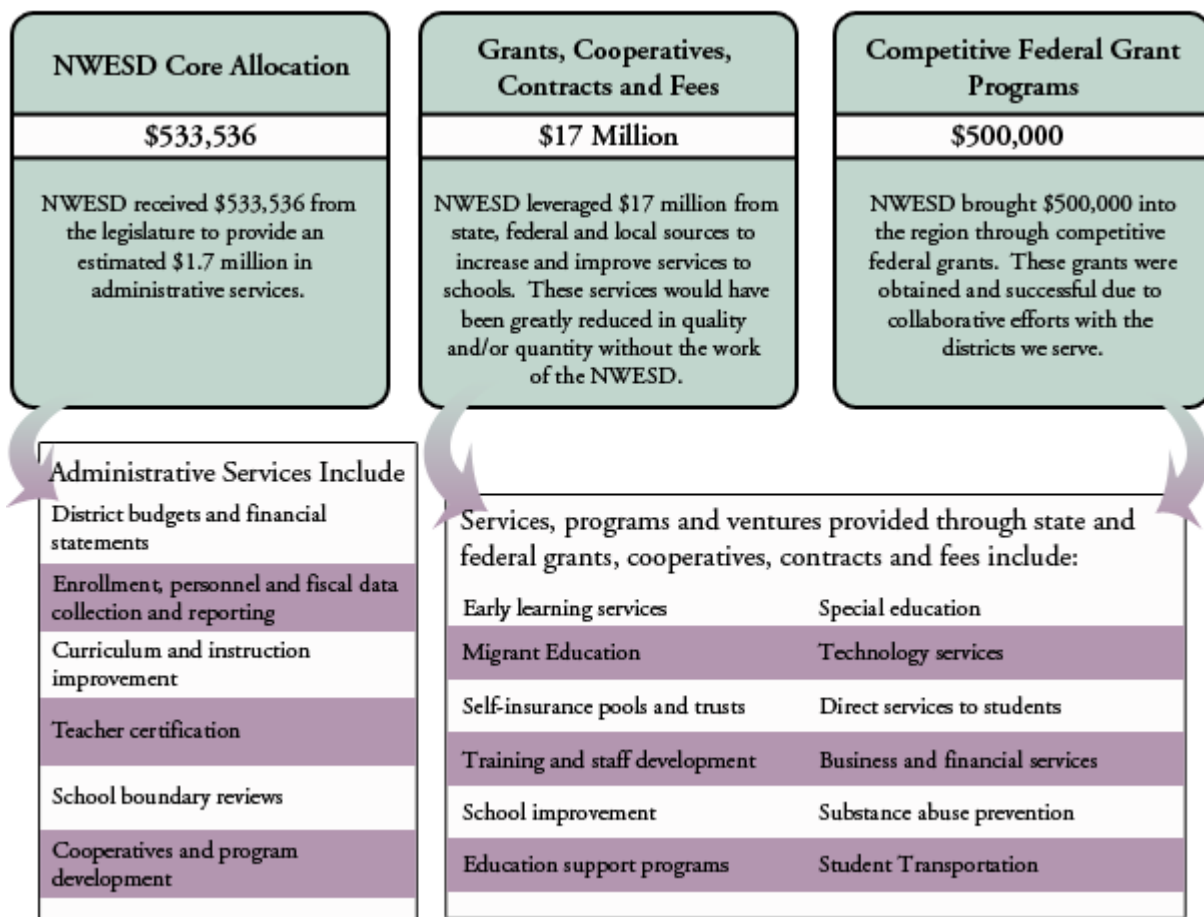
state and federal agencies including the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). NWESD provides, for our region, a centralized point for the aggregation of services and information of mutual value and benefit to all interested parties. Through the aggregation and pooling of services, administrative and overhead costs are minimized. The result of this centralized approach is to provide a highly efficient and cost-effective service delivery system to client districts. Regional centralization also assures that school districts receive the services they desire and a voice in how they are delivered. Minimal duplication of support services results in significant cost savings to the participating school districts allowing the greatest use of taxpayer dollars for instructional purposes.

The various programs administered by NWESD are funded through four main sources: federal and state grants, state allocations, fees for services charged to local school districts and other agencies, amongst other miscellaneous revenue sources.

The state Legislature provides a “core allocation” for the partial support of statutorily-mandated services such as teacher certification, district financial assistance including budget and financial review services, and various state reporting requirements. The ESDs’ “core allocation” has been reduced dramatically since the inception of the ESD system. Currently, the “core allocation” supports approximately 2% of the total NWESD budget.

Regional Use of Services & Core Funding

Washington's nine Educational Service Districts (ESDs) were created by legislature (RCW 28A.310) to: equalize educational opportunities; provide cooperative and informational services to meet the needs of their regions; and support the work of the State Board of Education and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.



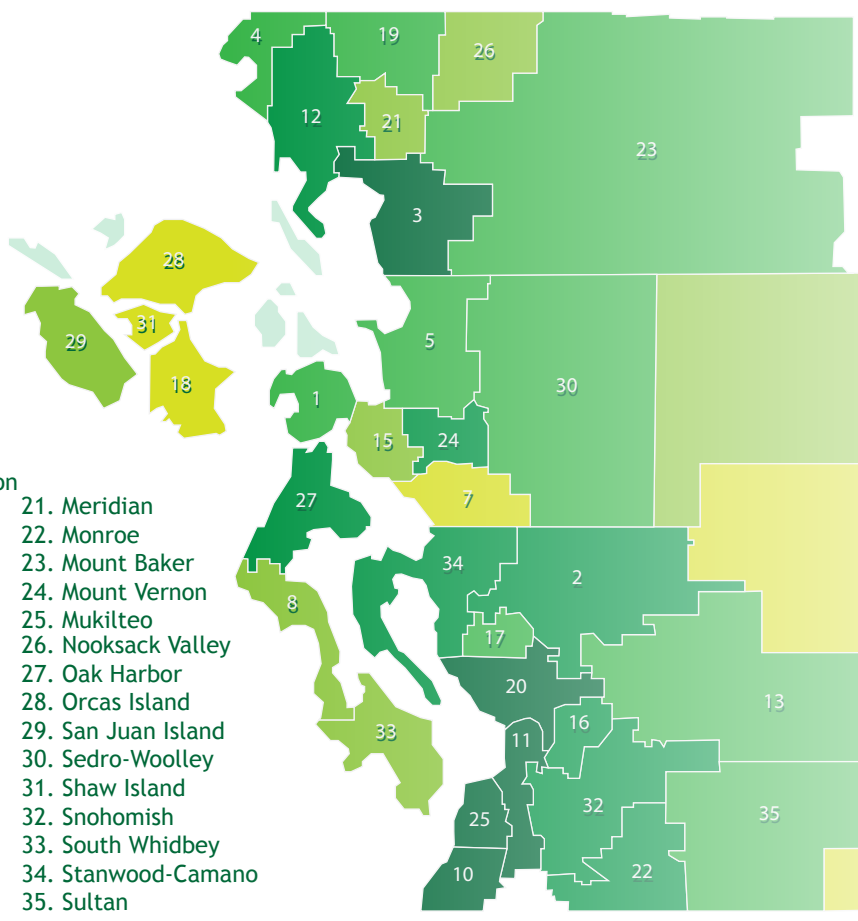
The NWESD serves as a bridge between K-12 and early learning systems, and promotes a continuum of education sources for all children in Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, Island and San Juan counties. In response to school requests and/or state and federal initiatives, the NWESD has the ability to develop new services quickly and bring them to scale regionally or statewide as needed.



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