



# ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Northwest Educational Service District 189

2011-2012

## Who we are

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 nearly a half century. The purpose of these regional educational entities is to assure that quality services are available to all public and private schools in their respective service areas. NWESD serves 35 school districts 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.

## Linking Educators with Resources

ESDs are a vital link between the public schools, private schools and various 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.

## ESD Funding

Unlike local school districts, which receive the majority of their funding from the state, ESDs are largely self-supporting organizations sustained by competitive grants, cooperatives, and fees for service.

“Core” funding – the amount allocated by the state – totals only 2% of ESD funding statewide. Core funding is based on the number of school districts and the size of the geographic region served.

For the NWESD, core funding decreased from \$587,330 in 2008/09 to \$492,442 in 2011/12.

While core funding does not make up a large percentage of ESD budget, it provides the most important piece. Indeed, core funding is the foundation on which all ESD service is built. It is the catalyst that turns \$1 of funding into \$43 of service. Core funding ultimately generates revenue and service at no cost to the state. When core funding is reduced, students and taxpayers suffer – student services decrease and/or costs to the state increase.

## Our Philosophy

*Together we can...* provide leadership and cooperative services to our educational communities in support of their efforts to increase the number of students meeting state and local standards. 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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*Together We Can*

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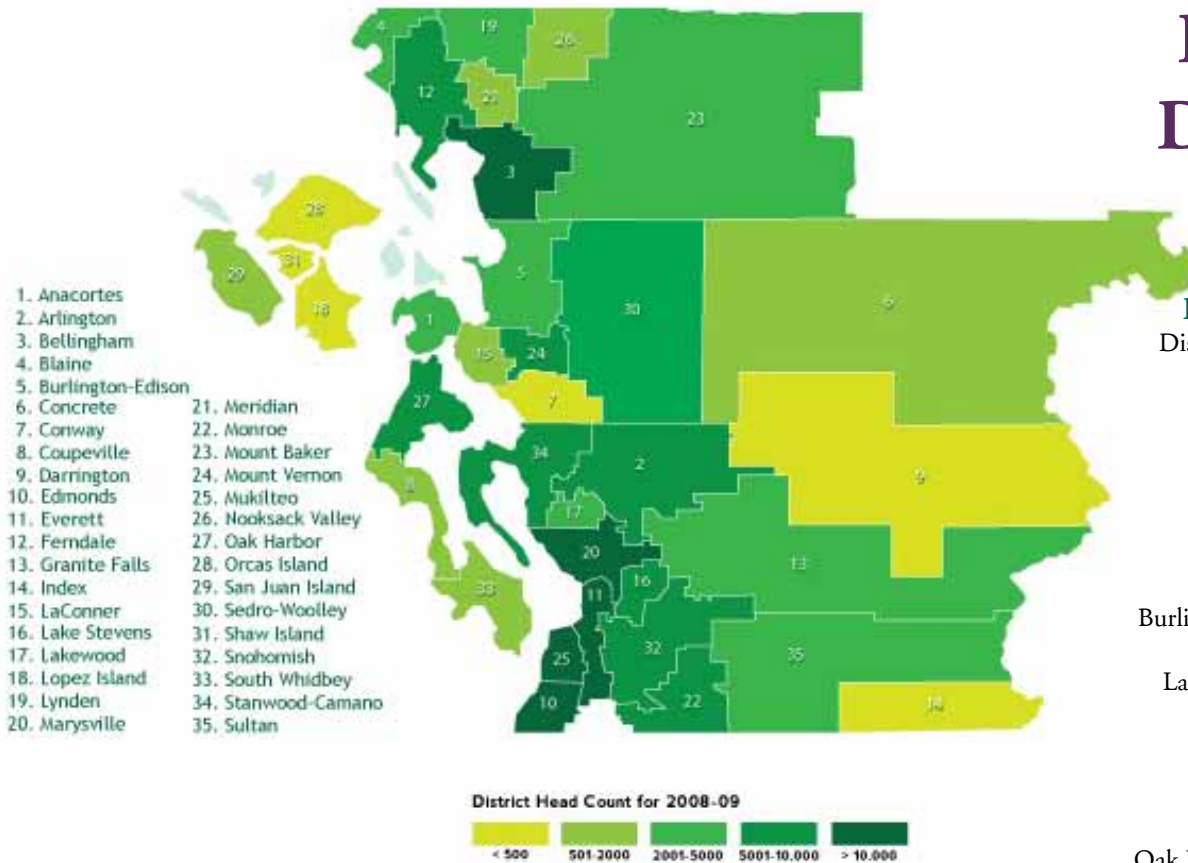
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