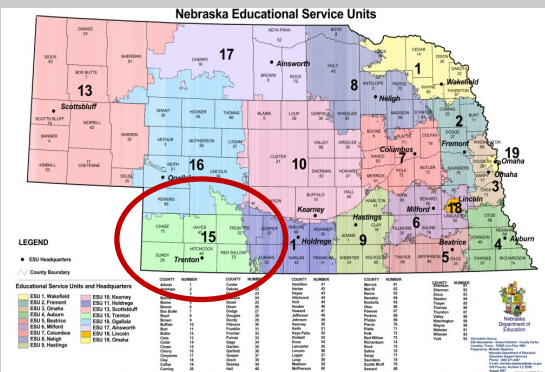


## Alternative Education

The Success Through Educational Partnerships Program in McCook assists at-risk students to gain credits toward graduation.

- ◆ STEP served a total of 3 students during the 2019-2020 school year in an alternative educational classroom
- ◆ Assisted one student to receive high school diploma through weekly meetings
- ◆ Computer curriculum provided and administered for: Students in the STEP/LIFT Program, summer schools in ESU 15, and virtual classes for students during COVID.
- ◆ Credit recovery or enrichment for students at their resident schools and online during COVID

## ESU 15 District Area



**Chase  
Dundy  
Frontier  
Hayes  
Hitchcock  
Red Willow**

**Chase County  
Dundy County—Stratton  
Hayes Center  
Hitchcock County  
Maywood  
McCook  
Medicine Valley  
Southwest  
St. Patrick Elementary  
Wauneta-Palisade**

## Helping #1 Educators Build #1 Kids

### Mission:

*ESU 15, as a partner with our area schools and communities, will provide leadership and services to support the improvement of teaching and learning*



# Annual Report 2019-2020

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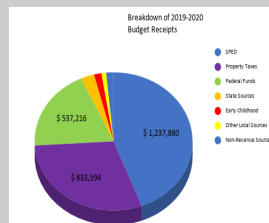
*Educational Service Unit 15 offers a wide range of educational services as requested by the school districts.*

*This a brief look at some of these services for 2019-2020*

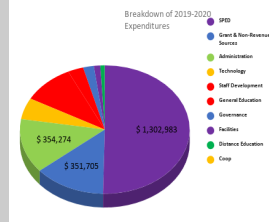
## Administrative & Business Services

- ◆ Serving 6 counties covering over 5000 sq. miles
- ◆ ESU 15 & 16 joint Advisory Council meetings offer continuous support for emerging issues
- ◆ Coop Purchasing provided supplies for 9 school districts and one parochial school
- ◆ Continuous Improvement Process completed
- ◆ Member SNDEN DL network offering over 100 DL courses per semester
- ◆ Purchased John Baylor Prep Program for all districts
- ◆ Purchased Odyssey Ware for alternative education programs and credit recovery
- ◆ Delivered 2000 gallons hand sanitizer & 22,000 masks to districts for pandemic needs
- ◆ Conduct bi-weekly virtual meetings to address on-going pandemic issues

## 2019-2020 Budget Receipts & Expenditures



Category	Amount
SPED	\$1,237,880
Property Taxes	\$833,594
Federal Funds	\$537,216
State Sources	\$76,828
Early Childhood	\$42,737
Other Local	\$26,691
Non-Revenue	\$42,855
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,797,800</b>



Category	Amount
SPED	\$1,302,983
Grant & Non-Revenue	\$351,705
Administration	\$354,274
Technology	\$139,631
Staff Development	\$256,367
General Education	\$76,714
Governance	\$52,914
Facilities	\$31,964
Distance Education	\$21,179
Coop	\$852
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,588,584</b>

## Professional Development

- ◆ Certified NWEA MAPs in-services
- ◆ Cognitive Coaching for teachers
- ◆ Implementation of Instructional Rounds for teachers
- ◆ Assistance with the CSI Schools
- ◆ Intervention Project Manager for the CSI Schools
- ◆ Continued to implement the PLC (Professional Learning Communities) for all nine schools with all grades and core subject areas—once per year
- ◆ Provided a series of principal meetings
- ◆ Provided a series of new teacher meetings
- ◆ Facilitated Marzano Instructional Strategy In-services
- ◆ Provided NWEA-MAP training & Testwiz
- ◆ Provided funding for career & technical education course development through Perkins
- ◆ Continued support to the NE Teacher/Principal Evaluation
- ◆ Provided updates to districts regarding NSCAS Reading, Math, Science
- ◆ Provided technology training - Google
- ◆ Implemented RTI (Response to Intervention) & MTSS (Multiple Tiers of Support)
- ◆ Provided training specific to AQuESTT
- ◆ Facilitated training for identifying essential learnings
- ◆ Organized PLC Training for administrators and teachers with Solution Tree resources
- ◆ Provided support for the Continuous School Improvement Process & High Reliability Schools
- ◆ Provided training on Blended Learning strategies
- ◆ Created the website [REALFRAMEWORKS.COM](http://REALFRAMEWORKS.COM) for teachers and admin to use with resources

### ***Migrant Education (Title I Part C Federal Program)***

- ◆ Two MEP projects hosted at ESU 15
- ◆ ESU 15 area—11 School Districts
- ◆ Central Nebraska area—20 school districts
- ◆ Quality Control & State Parent Coordinator (statewide)
- ◆ Attended NDE and National trainings
- ◆ Held Data Retreats
- ◆ Provided instructional and support services
  - In school student assistance
  - After school program
  - Tutoring (in person & virtual)
  - Summer tutoring
  - Board game summer activities
  - School readiness program (home based & virtual)
  - Career exploration services
- ◆ Supplemental Support—provided materials, school and health supplies, clothing, and nutrition services to students
- ◆ Held three statewide Parent Advisory Council Meetings via DL
- ◆ Held four local parent meetings
- ◆ Involved in State Needs Assessment & work group

### ***English Language Learner Program (Title III Federal Program)***

- ◆ Facilitated Title III services for 38 school districts
- ◆ Held 5 day training for curriculum (in-person & virtual)
- ◆ Held 4 make-up virtual sessions
- ◆ Became Trainer of Trainers for curriculum
- ◆ Helped implement curriculum with students
- ◆ Aided schools with new curriculum
- ◆ Helped schools implement Rule 15
- ◆ Assisted with ELL data retreats
- ◆ Provided guidance for ELL program review
- ◆ Provided guidance for the new EL accountability system
- ◆ Provided guidance for EL virtual learning
- ◆ Provided material for packet learning

### ***Early Childhood Services Coordination***

- ◆ ESU #15 is the contracting agency for Early Development Network services coordination
- ◆ 2019-2020 Services Coordination received 38 referrals and is currently serving 14 families
- ◆ Grants: Planning Region Support/Change
- ◆ Provided support for providers to attend professional development opportunities
- ◆ Provide support for families to attend local and state conferences
- ◆ Assist in Child Find across the ESU 15 Area

#### ***Projects:***

Provide water bottles & water for the Walk in My Shoes;  
PRT co-sponsored Routine Based Interview Camp for new providers

### ***Media & Technology***

- ◆ Trainings & support offered for all ESU 15 schools to use ADVISER Validation reports for this year's data collections
- ◆ Implemented cybersecurity awareness training to ESU 15 employees using the KnowB4platform
- ◆ Taught Scratch programming & Lego Robotics to 3rd graders at Southwest and 3rd & 6th graders at Hayes Center
- ◆ E-Rate for Hitchcock Co., Wauneta/Palisade, & Hayes Center
- ◆ Loaned Dundy Co.-Stratton a ClearTouch screen for teachers to field trial
- ◆ Conducted numerous Digital Citizenship K-12 trainings at ESU 15 districts
- ◆ Provided training/support for Industrial Arts class at Hitchcock Co. on the use of the APLazer
- ◆ Wyebo Wireless analyzer offered to all districts
- ◆ Smartboard alignment/training for Medicine Valley
- ◆ New far end routers/filters installed at all districts
- ◆ Participated in Bison Days (McCook) - Lego programming for 2 days
- ◆ Telepresence robots used at McCook Elementary & Palisade Elementary
- ◆ 3D printer training/loan out to Hayes Center
- ◆ Google Apps/Classroom training at Hitchcock Co.
- ◆ Zoom training for teachers at Hitchcock Co.
- ◆ Completed 5 year external visit
- ◆ Part of the team for McCook School District 5 year School Improvement Plan (Technology)

### ***Special Education***

- ◆ Helped districts complete Phase III of their Targeted Improvement Plans
- ◆ Assisted districts in the completion of special education Final Financial Reports, IDEA grant applications, Maintenance of Effort (MOE) applications, etc
- ◆ Attended numerous IEP meetings
- ◆ Conducted Para-Educator & Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) trainings
- ◆ Served as SRS District Manager
- ◆ Member of Central Region ASD Board
- ◆ SLP(s) provided pre-referral intervention strategies through the RTL process
- ◆ Assisted with individual student's transition plans
- ◆ Hosted numerous Early Childhood Part C trainings
- ◆ Provided guidance related to special education issues during COVID-19 global pandemic

### ***School Psychologists***

- ◆ Provided pre-referral consultation & intervention ideas
- ◆ Conducted special education evaluations & functional behavior assessments
- ◆ Led MDT meetings with staff & parents
- ◆ Completed observations in the classroom
- ◆ Provided individual & group counseling, crisis intervention, and threat assessments
- ◆ Co-led PBIS & data retreats at the local district level; attend PBIS level 1, 2, and 3 trainings
- ◆ Assist with data collection for school improvement team
- ◆ Attend state Special Education Law conference
- ◆ Provide social & emotional support during distance learning for teachers & students
- ◆ Instructional support during online learning
- ◆ Attend MTSS training; assist schools with MTSS mindset & beginning implementation
- ◆ Write Individualize Behavior Intervention Plans
- ◆ Provide pre-referral interventions and behavioral and social emotional support through RTI

### ***SW NE Distance Education Network***

- ◆ SNDEN personnel planned and oversaw the 2020 Nebraska Digital Learning Association's conference held in Lincoln on February 27th & 28th. Keynote speakers Dr. Robbie Melton and Dr. Trish Holliday and twenty-six breakout sessions were featured during the event
  - ◆ PRTG monitoring was enabled on all school distance learning systems in an effort to gain more timely alerts and notifications for remote troubleshooting to prevent disruption of instruction
  - ◆ Over \$175,000 of new Poly Unified Communication Servers at the main office to provide bridging recording, and distance learning services for all SNDEN districts
  - ◆ Network schools qualified for up to \$138,000 in incentive dollars for sending and receiving distance learning and online courses
  - ◆ Director, Scott Jones, served as the K-12 chair on the Network Nebraska Advisory Group which played a pivotal role in the distribution, training, and troubleshooting of Zoom video desktop conferencing that was ramped up in response to COVID-19 restrictions
  - ◆ Continued Support Provided for Information Literacy training; technology, software, and network support; internet service; internet safety for students; technology planning for schools; E-rate/USF Support; Wireless site surveys available to schools upon request; ADVISER training and assistance; support for schools using data for decision-making; training in cloud applications including web page publications, registration databases, email, Google Applications for Education, and student/learning management systems; poster and vinyl printing; integration of technology into the curriculum; security for ESU and district wide area and local area networks and services including email
- Distance Education—The Southwest Nebraska Distance Education Network (SNDEN) is comprised of public schools, colleges, and educational service units committed to the design, development, and delivery of two-way interactive learning opportunities for students in 37 rural communities. It covers over 20,000 square miles in an 18 county area of southwest, west-central and the Sandhills of Nebraska.