

Southern Oregon ESD administrators compiled a list of achievements for the 2008-09 year. It is an impressive list of successes and is evidence of efforts to continually improve. We should all be proud of the work we do on behalf of the schools, staff and students in Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties.

SOESD Achievements for 2008-2009

Administration/Business

- Unanimous approval of SOESD Local Service Plan.
- Three new and four incumbent board members elected for SOESD board .
- Boundary Board involvement in the Klamath County boundary change.
- Conversion of all employees to Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB) insurance plan.
- Accomplished mid-year budget reductions while minimizing loss of services.
- Successfully completed a superintendent search.
- Wrote and initiated a regional Oregon Leadership Network Grant.
- Participation in statewide leadership and implementation of Education Enterprise Steering Committee (EESC) - Technology Director for EESC housed at SOESD.
- Roof replacement of north end of Medford office to stop leaks.
- Bid and replacement of Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning system in the Medford office.

School Improvement Services

General

- Successfully coordinated the School Improvement Fund Grant.
- Increased involvement of SOESD staff in teaching education classes at SOU.
- Statewide leadership in ESD Instructional Leadership Council.
- Positive Behavior Support regional conferences.
- Growth of Attendance Services.
- Initiation of Leadership Institute in Southern Oregon.

Curriculum and Assessment

- Wrote and received a regional new teacher/administrator mentor grant.
- Initiated a New Teacher Center Leadership Institute for district administrators.
- Growth of new teacher mentorship programs in our region.
- Successful continuation of a three-year Teaching American History Grant.
- Successful Brain Bowl, Scavenger Hunt, Best of Best Art Show, Spelling Competition and Math League.
- Growth in Oregon On-line students.
- Initiated Response to Intervention (RTI) training and programs with many districts.
- Supported Data Driven Decision Making workshops.
- Successful state scoring center for writing assessments.

Career and Technical Education

- Appraised and endorsed 9 candidates for CTE instructors.
- Met with and or visited the classroom of almost every CTE teacher in our region.
- Built new and strong relationships between community college departments and high schools in the areas of construction, business, agriculture and early childhood development to align and articulate courses and programs of study.
- Partnered with RCC, SOREDI, and the Job Council to organize and facilitate 5 industry tours for high school students.
- Partnered with ODE to put on a two-day career expo with over 1,400 students attending.
- Working with RCC and Oregon Building Congress to host a four-day sustainable/green construction academy with teams of administrators and teachers from 4 Medford high schools.
- Working with RCC and Butte Falls to provide a summer construction academy.
- Regional Vocational Planning Alliance (RVPA).

Migrant ELL

- The Migrant Education/ELL department successfully supported the launch of a Title VII Indian Education Consortium for our region.
- The Migrant Education Program became the second largest in Oregon.
- The Migrant Education Coordinator was named Oregon's Migrant Education Director of the Year.
- Charlie Bauer received a state award for ELL services.

Special Education

General

- Addressed needs of special education students with mental health needs by
 - Serving on JBH Regional Mental Health Children's Advisory Council
 - Collaborating with SOASTC regarding School Community Project
 - Participating in planning to establish high school day treatment program, and
 - Researching and preparing proposal for program to serve students with cognitive/sensory/mental health needs.
- Co-sponsored series of seven workshops (in collaboration with Asante Child Development Services and Special Education Administrators of Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath Counties), attended by 400.
- Improved accuracy of Regional SECC and documentation.
- Reduced teacher hours on paperwork through training and assistance with SEAS program implementation.
- Met SPR&I quality standards for IEPs.

Assistive Technology

- Published 6 AT bulletins and trained 300 people on use of assistive technology.
- Developed Wiki site for sharing AT resources.

Audiological Services

- Provided on-site hearing screenings in 5 school districts and in 4 preschools.
- Successfully placed 67 FM or infra-red systems in schools for individual students or classrooms.

Autism Services

- Provided training regarding Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), including
 - ASD instructional assistant training (4 modules) in Jackson & Josephine Counties attended by 80 district staff
 - Functional Communication Evaluation training to 28 SLPs
 - 14 Ziggurat trainings to a total of 97 participants
 - Introductory ASD training to all-staff in seven schools in four school districts.
- Set up a new RPATS site at Little Butte Intermediate STEPS.

Early Childhood Services

- Decreased behavior challenges and increased pro-social behaviors in classrooms with program-wide implementation of PBS.
- Collaborated with Asante Child Development Services, Regional Programs, and the EI Councils in each county, to present the 16th Annual Early Intervention Conference.
- Initiated a monthly training series for parents and started a support group for parents of children with Down Syndrome.
- Reduced substitute costs by about \$6,000 by implementing staffing protocols.
- Created a new lawn and garden area for kids and staff with volunteer staff and community support.

Orthopedic Impairments

- Developed a gross and fine motor plan for Eagle Point School District's Trans-K class.
- Implemented use of new video recording technology to train staff and to document student progress.

Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Program for Visually Impaired

- Sportsmanship award won by Southern Oregon's team competing in this year's National Academic Deaf Brain Bowl competition at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC.
- Began implementation of new state standards for Sign Language Interpreters.
- Provided training regarding college experience/application process for PDHH students, including representatives from Rochester Institute of Technology and Gallaudet University.
- Organized and attended sign language interpreted and audio described presentations of "Dick Whittington and His Amazing Cat" at SOU Theatre Arts Department.
- Elementary-aged, PVI, Braille student named a finalist in the National Braille Challenge to be held in Los Angeles, California, in June, 2009.

Psychological Services

- Trained 8 school psychologists, serving 7 school districts, about RTI-based SLD evaluations and about PSW implementation systems.
- Provided mental health services to students in 3 rural school districts, resulting in 3 very high risk students staying in school.

Speech-Language

- Increased number of districts receiving ESD Speech services by two.
- Increased consistency in Communication Disorder eligibility procedures.

STEPS

- Continued services to increasing number of students without increase of staff.
- Participated in the state advisory council for life-skills students.
- Increased staff capacity for responding to high impact behaviors, including completion of FBAs and BIPs for 44 identified students.
- Improved teamwork and communication within classrooms through program-wide training.
- Purchased state aligned science curriculum and basic literacy materials via literacy grant awarded to program.

Traumatic Brain Injury

- Provided mentorship and training support to 7 new TBI team members in the region.
- Helped define state service plan for TBI.

Technology & Media Services

- Integration of on-line booking and streaming of media materials utilizing Learn360 and Medianet.
- Purchased digital streaming rights to increase access for teachers to more than 900 media resources.
- Regional library databases support more student research i.e., World Book Encyclopedia, Opposing Viewpoints/middle & high school, and other K-12 curriculum based teaching and learning resources.
- Increase in librarian training for professional development.
- Provided group savings in excess of \$200,000 for Follett “Destiny” Library Management Software to 12 districts. Manage and maintain servers for this software.
- Upgraded SOESD’s SANS virtual server system to increase computer server capacity for agency-wide programs.
- Supported several local school districts by implementing virtual server system clusters for their individual networks.
- Provided on-site extensive problem solving for major computer virus attacks to school districts.
- Managed Voice over Internet Protocol system (VoIP) agency-wide.
- Computer service expansion of help desk support to all SOESD districts.
- Expansion of computer help desk program to include inventory, invoicing, preventative maintenance tracking, new custom interface and other requested features by schools.
- Added new technology training sessions in Computer Lab for school and SOESD staff.
- Increased deployment of video surveillance systems to enhance school security.
- Installed LCD video projectors in more than 100 classrooms.
- Planned and installed newest technology for HD IVC.
- Expanded from 19 to 27 distance education carts (mobile IVC units) and stationed in schools.
- Online professional development for RUS grant schools.
- IVC Spanish classes extended to Klamath Falls – morning and afternoon classes.
- Planning for Chinese 1 to be offered for the first time in the 2009-10 school year

- SOESD TV enlarged access to local programming by rebroadcasting Academic Challenge programs.
- Televised more local sports, playoff games, matches, student plays, art events and musical productions.
- Monthly *School Talk* program.