

Information Services Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 2022 11:00 AM
ESU No.10
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1. Call to Order
Committee Chair
2. Roll call
Committee Chair
3. Agenda Item
Committee Chair
 - 3.1. GEER Fund Update
Technology Director
 - 3.2. Future Ready Digital Learning Collaborative (FRDLC)
Technology Director
 - 3.3. Cybersecurity Update
Executive Director
 - 3.4. Approve Disposal of Inventory
Committee Chair
 - 3.5. TLT Trainings - Outside Participants
Kraig Lofquist
 - 3.6. SIMPL Report
Nate McClenahan
 - 3.7. Staff Reports
Committee Chair
 - 3.7.1. Scott Isaacson
Scott Isaacson
 - 3.7.2. Andrew Easton
Andrew Easton
 - 3.7.3. Rhonda Eis
Rhonda Eis
4. Next Meeting Agenda Items
Committee Chair
5. Adjournment
Committee Chair

NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT

84-1407. Act, how cited. Sections 84-1407 to 84-1414 shall be known and may be cited as the Open Meetings Act.

84-1408. Declaration of intent; meetings open to public. It is hereby declared to be the policy of this state that the formation of public policy is public business and may not be conducted in secret. Every meeting of a public body shall be open to the public in order that citizens may exercise their democratic privilege of attending and speaking at meetings of public bodies, except as otherwise provided by the Constitution of Nebraska, federal statutes, and the Open Meetings Act.

84-1409. Terms, defined. For purposes of the Open Meetings Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1)(a) Public body means (i) governing bodies of all political subdivisions of the State of Nebraska, (ii) governing bodies of all agencies, created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, of the executive department of the State of Nebraska, (iii) all independent boards, commissions, bureaus, committees, councils, subunits, or any other bodies created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, (iv) all study or advisory committees of the executive department of the State of Nebraska whether having continuing existence or appointed as special committees with limited existence, (v) advisory committees of the bodies referred to in subdivisions (i), (ii), and (iii) of this subdivision, and (vi) instrumentalities exercising essentially public functions; and

(b) Public body does not include (i) subcommittees of such bodies unless a quorum of the public body attends a subcommittee meeting or unless such subcommittees are holding hearings, making policy, or taking formal action on behalf of their parent body, except that all meetings of any subcommittee established under section 81-15,175 are subject to the Open Meetings Act, (ii) entities conducting judicial proceedings unless a court or other judicial body is exercising rulemaking authority, deliberating, or deciding upon the issuance of administrative orders, and (iii) the Judicial Resources Commission or subcommittees or subgroups of the commission;

(2) Meeting means all regular, special, or called meetings, formal or informal, of any public body for the purposes of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action of the public body; and

(3) Virtual conferencing means conducting or participating in a meeting electronically or telephonically with interaction among the participants subject to subsection (2) of section 84-1412.

84-1410. Closed session; when; purpose; reasons listed; procedure; right to challenge; prohibited acts; chance meetings, conventions, or workshops.

(1) Any public body may hold a closed session by the affirmative vote of a majority of its voting members if a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting. The subject matter and the reason necessitating the closed session shall be identified in the motion to close. Closed sessions may be held for, but shall not be limited to, such reasons as: (a) Strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate purchases, pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body; (b) Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices; (c) Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct; (d) Evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting; (e) For the Community Trust created under section 81-1801.02, discussion regarding the amounts to be paid to individuals who have suffered from a tragedy of violence or natural disaster; or (f) For public hospitals, governing board peer review activities, professional review activities, review and discussion of medical staff investigations or disciplinary actions, and any strategy session concerning transactional negotiations with any referral source that is required by federal law to be conducted at arms length. Nothing in this section shall permit a closed meeting for discussion of the appointment or election of a new member to any public body.

(2) The vote to hold a closed session shall be taken in open session. The entire motion, the vote of each member on the question of holding a closed session, and the time when the closed session commenced and concluded shall be recorded in the minutes. If the motion to close passes, then the presiding officer immediately prior to the closed session shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session. The public body holding such a closed session shall restrict its consideration of matters during the closed portions to only those purposes set forth in the motion to close as the reason for the closed session. The meeting shall be reconvened in open session before any formal action may be taken. For purposes of this section, formal action shall mean a collective decision or a collective commitment or promise to make a decision on any question, motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance or formation of a position or policy but shall not include negotiating guidance given by members of the public body to legal counsel or other negotiators in closed sessions authorized under subdivision (1)(a) of this section.

(3) Any member of any public body shall have the right to challenge the continuation of a closed session if the member determines that the session has exceeded the reason stated in the original motion to hold a closed session or if the member contends that the closed session is neither clearly necessary for (a) the protection of the public interest or (b) the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Such challenge shall be overruled only by a majority vote of the members of the public body. Such challenge and its disposition shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require that any meeting be closed to the public. No person or public body shall fail to invite a portion of its members to a meeting, and no public body shall designate itself a subcommittee of the whole body for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act. No closed session, informal meeting, chance meeting, social gathering, email, fax, or other electronic communication shall be used for the purpose of circumventing the requirements of the act.

(5) The act does not apply to chance meetings or to attendance at or travel to conventions or workshops of members of a public body at which there is no meeting of the body then intentionally convened, if there is no vote or other action taken regarding any matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

84-1411. Meetings of public body; notice; method; contents; when available; right to modify; duties concerning notice; virtual conferencing authorized; requirements; emergency meeting without notice; appearance before public body.

(1)(a) Each public body shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting as provided in this subsection. Such notice shall be transmitted to all members of the public body and to the public. (b) (i) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(b)(ii) of this section, in the case of a public body described in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of section 84-1409 or such body's advisory committee, such notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's website. (ii) In the case of the governing body of a city of the second class or village or such body's advisory committee, such notice shall be published by: (A) Publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's website; or (B) Posting written notice in three conspicuous public places in such city or village. Such notice shall be posted in the same three places for each meeting. (iii) In the case of a public body not described in subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice shall be given by a method designated by the public

body.(c) In addition to a method of notice required by subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice may also be provided by any other appropriate method designated by such public body or such advisory committee. (d) Each public body shall record the methods and dates of such notice in its minutes. (e) Such notice shall contain an agenda of subjects known at the time of the publicized notice or a statement that the agenda, which shall be kept continually current, shall be readily available for public inspection at the principal office of the public body during normal business hours. Agenda items shall be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting. Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda shall not be altered later than (i) twenty-four hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting or (ii) forty-eight hours before the scheduled commencement of a meeting of a city council or village board scheduled outside the corporate limits of the municipality. The public body shall have the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

(2)(a) The following entities may hold a meeting by means of virtual conferencing if the requirements of subdivision (2)(b) of this section are met: (i) A state agency, state board, state commission, state council, or state committee, or an advisory committee of any such state entity; (ii) An organization, including the governing body, created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act, or the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act; (iii) The governing body of a public power district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state; (iv) The governing body of a public power and irrigation district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state; (v) An educational service unit; (vi) The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council; (vii) An organization, including the governing body, of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act; (viii) A community college board of governors; (ix) The Nebraska Brand Committee; (x) A local public health department; (xi) A metropolitan utilities district; (xii) A regional metropolitan transit authority; and (xiii) A natural resources district. (b) The requirements for holding a meeting by means of virtual conferencing are as follows: (i) Reasonable advance publicized notice is given as provided in subsection (1) of this section, including providing access to a dial-in number or link to the virtual conference; (ii) In addition to the public's right to participate by virtual conferencing, reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend at a physical site and participate as provided in section 84-1412, including reasonable seating, in at least one designated site in a building open to the public and identified in the notice, with: At least one member of the entity holding such meeting, or his or her designee, present at each site; a recording of the hearing by audio or visual recording devices; and a reasonable opportunity for input, such as public comment or questions, is provided to at least the same extent as would be provided if virtual conferencing was not used; (iii) At least one copy of all documents being considered at the meeting is available at any physical site open to the public where individuals may attend the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act; and (iv) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision or subsection (4) of section 79-2204, no more than one-half of the meetings of the state entities, advisory committees, boards, councils, organizations, or governing bodies are held by virtual conferencing in a calendar year. In the case of an organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas at wholesale on a multistate basis or an organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, the organization may hold more than one-half of its meetings by virtual conferencing if such organization holds at least one meeting each calendar year that is not by virtual conferencing. The governing body of a risk management pool that meets at least quarterly and the advisory committees of the governing body may each hold more than one-half of its meetings by virtual conferencing if the governing body's quarterly meetings are not held by virtual conferencing.

(3) Virtual conferencing, emails, faxes, or other electronic communication shall not be used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act.

(4) The secretary or other designee of each public body shall maintain a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and shall make reasonable efforts to provide advance notification to them of the time and place of each meeting and the subjects to be discussed at that meeting.

(5) When it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting without reasonable advance public notice, the nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes and any formal action taken in such meeting shall pertain only to the emergency. Such emergency meetings may be held by virtual conferencing. The provisions of subsection (4) of this section shall be complied with in conducting emergency meetings. Complete minutes of such emergency meetings specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available to the public by no later than the end of the next regular business day.

(6) A public body may allow a member of the public or any other witness to appear before the public body by means of virtual conferencing.

(7)(a) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (5) of this section, if an emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to the Emergency Management Act as defined in section 81-829.39, a public body the territorial jurisdiction of which is included in the emergency declaration, in whole or in part, may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing during such emergency if the public body gives reasonable advance publicized notice as described in subsection (1) of this section. The notice shall include information regarding access for the public and news media. In addition to any formal action taken pertaining to the emergency, the public body may hold such meeting for the purpose of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action by the public body. (b) The public body shall provide access by providing a dial-in number or a link to the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act. Reasonable arrangements shall be made to accommodate the public's right to hear and speak at the meeting and record the meeting. Subsection (4) of this section shall be complied with in conducting such meetings. (c) The nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes. Complete minutes of such meeting specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available for inspection as provided in subsection (5) of section 84-1413. (8) In addition to any other statutory authorization for virtual conferencing, any public body not listed in subdivision (2)(a) of this section may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing if: (a) The purpose of the virtual meeting is to discuss items that are scheduled to be discussed or acted upon at a subsequent non-virtual open meeting of the public body; (b) No action is taken by the public body at the virtual meeting; and (c) The public body complies with subdivisions (2)(b)(i) and (2)(b)(ii) of this section.

84-1412. Meetings of public body; rights of public; public body; powers and duties.

(1) Subject to the Open Meetings Act, the public has the right to attend and the right to speak at meetings of public bodies, and all or any part of a meeting of a public body, except for closed sessions called pursuant to section 84-1410, may be videotaped, televised, photographed, broadcast, or recorded by any person in attendance by means of a tape recorder, a camera, video equipment, or any other means of pictorial or sonic reproduction or in writing.

(2) It shall not be a violation of subsection (1) of this section for any public body to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, televising, photographing, broadcasting, or recording its meetings, including meetings held by virtual conferencing. A body may not be required to allow citizens to speak at each

meeting, but it may not forbid public participation at all meetings.

(3) No public body shall require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting nor shall such body require that the name of any member of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda. The body shall require any member of the public desiring to address the body to identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.

(4) No public body shall, for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act, hold a meeting in a place known by the body to be too small to accommodate the anticipated audience.

(5) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds its meeting in its traditional meeting place which is located in this state.

(6) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds a meeting outside of this state if, but only if: (a) A member entity of the public body is located outside of this state and the meeting is in that member's jurisdiction; (b) All out-of-state locations identified in the notice are located within public buildings used by members of the entity or at a place which will accommodate the anticipated audience; (c) Reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear, and speak at the meeting, including making virtual conferencing available at an in-state location to members, the public, or the press, if requested twenty-four hours in advance; (d) No more than twenty-five percent of the public body's meetings in a calendar year are held out-of-state; (e) Out-of-state meetings are not used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act; and (f) The public body publishes notice of the out-of-state meeting at least twenty-one days before the date of the meeting in a legal newspaper of statewide circulation.

(7) Each public body shall, upon request, make a reasonable effort to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussion and testimony presented at a meeting.

(8) Public bodies shall make available at the meeting or the in-state location for virtual conferencing as required by subdivision (6)(c) of this section, for examination and copying by members of the public, at least one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at an open meeting, either in paper or electronic form. Public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. At the beginning of the meeting, the public shall be informed about the location of the posted information.

84-1413. Meetings; minutes; roll call vote; secret ballot; when; agenda and minutes; required on website; when.

(1) Each public body shall keep minutes of all meetings showing the time, place, members present and absent, and the substance of all matters discussed.

(2) Any action taken on any question or motion duly moved and seconded shall be by roll call vote of the public body in open session, and the record shall state how each member voted or if the member was absent or not voting. The requirements of a roll call or viva voce vote shall be satisfied by a public body which utilizes an electronic voting device which allows the yeas and nays of each member of such public body to be readily seen by the public.

(3) The vote to elect leadership within a public body may be taken by secret ballot, but the total number of votes for each candidate shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) The minutes of all meetings and evidence and documentation received or disclosed in open session shall be public records and open to public inspection during normal business hours.

(5) Minutes shall be written or kept as an electronic record and shall be available for inspection within ten working days or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurs earlier, except that cities of the second class and villages may have an additional ten working days if the employee responsible for writing or keeping the minutes is absent due to a serious illness or emergency.

(6) Beginning July 31, 2022, the governing body of a natural resources district, the city council of a city of the metropolitan class, the city council of a city of the primary class, the city council of a city of the first class, the county board of a county with a population greater than twenty-five thousand inhabitants, and the school board of a school district shall make available on such entity's public website the agenda and minutes of any meeting of the governing body. The agenda shall be placed on the website at least twenty-four hours before the meeting of the governing body. Minutes shall be placed on the website at such time as the minutes are available for inspection as provided in subsection (5) of this section. This information shall be available on the public website for at least six months.

84-1414. Unlawful action by public body; declared void or voidable by district court; when; duty to enforce open meeting laws; citizen's suit; procedure; violations; penalties.

(1) Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be declared void by the district court if the suit is commenced within one hundred twenty days of the meeting of the public body at which the alleged violation occurred. Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in substantial violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be voidable by the district court if the suit is commenced more than one hundred twenty days after but within one year of the meeting of the public body in which the alleged violation occurred. A suit to void any final action shall be commenced within one year of the action.

(2) The Attorney General and the county attorney of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets shall enforce the Open Meetings Act.

(3) Any citizen of this state may commence a suit in the district court of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets or in which the plaintiff resides for the purpose of requiring compliance with or preventing violations of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of declaring an action of a public body void, or for the purpose of determining the applicability of the act to discussions or decisions of the public body. It shall not be a defense that the citizen attended the meeting and failed to object at such time. The court may order payment of reasonable attorney's fees and court costs to a successful plaintiff in a suit brought under this section.

(4) Any member of a public body who knowingly violates or conspires to violate or who attends or remains at a meeting knowing that the public body is in violation of any provision of the Open Meetings Act shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class III misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense.

84-1415. Open Meetings Act; requirements; waiver; validity of action. No motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action made, adopted, passed, or taken at a meeting as defined in section 84-1409 of a public body as defined in such section shall be invalidated because such motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action was made, adopted, passed, or taken at a meeting or meetings on or after March 17, 2020, and on or before April 30, 2021, pursuant to a Governor's Executive Order which waived certain requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

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Revised Memorandum of Understanding for Remaining GEER I funds

GEER I Funds Expenditures through 09/30/2022	
Item	Cost
Network Nebraska DDoS mitigation appliances - Network-Integrated Security Solutions for deployed Broadband systems piloted in 2021	\$1,701,315
eduroam year 2 membership - Secure, world-wide roaming access service developed for the international research and education community. Pilot project started in 2021.	\$ 66,000
eduroam reimbursement for RADIUS configuration and technical services - Reimbursement for purchased broadband equipment for inclusion in 2021 eduroam broadband project	\$1,520,000
Broadband automated speed test agent software development - Software placed on purchased devices which collects speed data for broadband pilot projects	\$ 250,000
TV White Space wireless internet project (estimate) - Broadband project using "White Space" radio frequencies to enable low-cost internet access via renewable-powered base stations.	\$ 50,000
Emergency Zoom license reimbursements for K-12 (3/13/2020-6/30/2022) - Reimbursements for software purchased for schools to provide access to broadband/Internet connections for the purpose of learning outside the classroom.	\$ 301,123
Nebraska Cloud single sign-on enhancement for broadband access - User authentication which permits a user to use one set of login credentials when accessing broadband services	\$ 175,000
Network Nebraska backbone upgrade to every K-12 entity - Updates to the backbone or core network which interconnects networks over a wide area, which better enables the exchange of information between different LANs or subnetworks.	\$ 699,642
Total	\$4,763,080
	\$4,236,957

GEERS - Summary of Actual Receipts & Expenditures

RECEIPTS

Funds from NDE

12/04/21	\$8,300,439.89	
02/10/21	\$1,654,617.38	
8/10/21	\$1,802,156.43	
11/23/21	\$149,439.30	
		\$11,906,653.00

Funds from Schools:

Callaway Schools	\$2,282.60	
St. Piux/St. Leo	\$17,830.40	
South Platte	\$10,227.54	
Walthill Schools	\$5,881.40	
Seward Schools	\$42,346.08	
Osmond Community Schools	\$5,350.00	
Loup County Schools	\$3,813.75	
Heartland School	\$3,500.00	
		\$91,231.77

Total Receipts As Of 08/31/22: \$11,997,884.77

EXPENDITURES

Payments to Vendors:

CDW	\$1,861,489.35	
Dell	\$82,889.69	
Insight	\$363,315.64	
Staples	\$1,048,069.92	
Apple	\$580,359.00	
		\$3,936,123.60

Reimbursements to Schools:

1/28/21	\$2,949,711.31	
2/18/21	\$1,077,439.70	
3/10/21	\$204,314.80	
3/18/21	\$282,988.02	
3/29/21	\$1,023,294.60	
4/16/21	\$155,126.17	
5/6/21	\$98,925.00	
5/14/21	\$294,041.50	
6/9/21	\$88,566.00	
7/7/21	\$78,595.00	
7/27/21	\$34,072.00	
8/17/21	\$644,089.73	
8/31/21	\$64,848.60	
10/07/21	\$65,236.95	
11/17/21	\$4,800.00	
12/06/21	\$55,694.55	
12/20/21	\$5,590.00	
01/12/22	\$4,435.00	
		\$7,131,768.93

Eduroam Payments:

07/06/22, Paid to UNL	\$67,000.00	
08/30/22, School Reimbursements	\$81,303.69	
		\$148,303.69

ESUCC Admin Fee (expended on staff salaries) \$300,000.00

Total Expenditures As Of 08/31/22: \$11,516,196.22

Cash On Hand as of 08/31/22: \$481,688.55

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Encumbrances:

Thinkmate	\$35,782.04
Sterling Computer	\$12,681.70
Optiv Security	\$282,294.35
UNL	\$2,076,835.52

\$2,407,593.61

Actual Funds Available 08/31/22: -\$1,925,905.06

Outstanding Receipts:

\$0.00

7/20/22

The NNNC/ESU 2 hosted a meeting with the intent on creating a K-12 Cyber Defense Task Force.

We invited the following sectors and individuals:

- ESUCC – Scott Isaacson
- ESU – Andy Boell & Ted DeTurk
- NATA – Lucas Bingham, Papillion-LaVista Community Schools
 - NATA is the Nebraska Association of Technology Administrators, a group of the largest 18 public school districts
- Private K-12 – Shawn Baas, Archdiocese of Omaha
- NDE – Kristin Yates & Christina Struebing
- OCIO – Patrick Wright
- Network Nebraska – Tom Rolfes and Becca Kingery
- NEMA – Nathan Martinez and Tim Hofbauer
- CISA – Nicholas Brand
- ALICAP – Megan Boldt & Sheri Shonka
- UNL – Rich Haugerud

Most were able to attend, either in person or via Zoom.

Our intent was to have a meeting with multiple sectors who have a hand in, or influence of, K-12 education that are related to cyber security in some way. Ideally, this group would be an avenue to quickly receive information from all sectors, to represent how that information impacts K-12 education, then to communicate the pertinent information back to schools. Likewise, the education members could communicate to the non-education members the current state of cyber security. The dialog would hopefully be beneficial to all parties in attendance. As it turned out, the meeting took a slightly different path.

First off, those in attendance were very pleased that we orchestrated the meeting and felt it was necessary to have a group structured in this way. Since the group was just thrown together without anyone of authority structuring it, it was recommended that we consider establishing a charter to submit to the NITC Education Council for consideration. If we submit a charter to the Education Council, that would give the group a stronger voice within the state and potentially make avenues for receiving funding from state and federal sources easier.

If you are not familiar with the Education Council, it is an advisory group of the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC) that was established by Legislature to provide advice, direction and accountability on information technology in Nebraska. Education Council is one of 6 advisory groups that reports to NITC. Education Council has assumed the lead role of Network Nebraska and Digital Education initiatives. The Education Council may form task

forces, teams and working groups to help carry out its mission and responsibilities. The Network Nebraska Advisory Group (NNAG), for example, is a group that was chartered by NITC to provide input to the Nebraska CIO on issues related to Network Nebraska.

Websites to reference:

- NITC - <https://nitc.nebraska.gov/index.html>
- Education Council - https://nitc.nebraska.gov/education_council/index.html
- Network Nebraska - <https://networknebraska.ne.gov/about/governance.html>
- Network Nebraska Advisory Group - <https://nitc.nebraska.gov/nnag/>

Since the idea of the charter was recommended, it was also strongly suggested that the focus of the group expand from K-12 to K-20. There are a number of reasons for this change, including to keep in line with the Education Council's domain, as well as if funding is available from state or federal sources, it was suggested better to partner with post-secondary instead of compete against. As a result, we agreed to change the name to the **K-20 Cybersecurity Task Force**.

Following that discussion, the group went on to adopt the NIST Cyber Security Framework and to recommend 5 actions for all educational entities to follow. To view those recommendations, visit the document at: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OwCMei0Qh9SA9rA06vyeOSlwQcrJ5PfNOtmQXAxvleM/edit?usp=sharing>

With the change from K-12 to K-20, we will need more post-secondary representation. I have a meeting with Rick Haugerud, the Chief Information Security Officer of UNL next week to discuss this group from a post-secondary viewpoint. I believe if we can have equal membership of post-secondary and K-12, then we can insure that K-12 doesn't take a back seat and we can continue to offer education-specific recommendations that are reasonable yet actionable. As for the charter idea, Dr. DeTurk (of ESU 2) and I have asked Gary Needham to put this group as a discussion item on the August Education Council agenda, but not as an action item. Dr. DeTurk, who is also a member of the Education Council, will update the council on the task force and to let everyone know something is in the works and that at their next meeting (which I believe is in October), a charter will likely be submitted for consideration.

The reason for push for action in October is Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act that went into law in fall of 2021 establishes a \$1 billion grant program to help state, local, tribal and territorial governments for cybersecurity. At this point it appears that Nebraska is going to get \$18 million and we want to make sure that education receives a piece of that money. The application process is supposed to open up in the next couple of months.

I understand this message is long, and I'm sure there will be questions related to this. So feel free to ask any questions or provide any input to the group concept.

Thanks,

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Tribal Communities Representative

Laura McDougall

Public Health Representative

Nathan Martinez

Nebraska Emergency management

Patrick Wright

State Information Security Officer

Rick Haugerud

Higher Education Representative

Ryan Carlson

NE National Guard Incident Response

Scott Isaacson

K-12 Education Representative

Tim Pospisil

Critical Infrastructure & Public Power Representative



Eligible Entities

- State
 - County
 - Local
 - Tribal
 - Education
 - Public Power
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Funding Breakdown

- 1% State, County Local Governments
- 3% Tribal Governments
- 50% – population of each State divided by the total population of all States participating
- 50% – population of each State residing in rural areas divided by the total population of all States residing in rural areas

Matching Requirement

10% for FY22

20% for FY23

30% for FY24

40% for FY25



Impact Breakdown

- At least 80% of grant funds must benefit local governments
- Of that 80% share, at least 25% must benefit rural areas

“Whole-of-State”



Funding

Year	Federal Allocation	State Portion	Matching Requirement
FY22	\$ 200,000,000.00	\$ 2,060,000.00	\$ 206,000.00
FY23	\$ 400,000,000.00	\$ 4,120,000.00	\$ 824,000.00
FY24	\$ 300,000,000.00	\$ 3,090,000.00	\$ 927,000.00
FY25	\$ 100,000,000.00	\$ 1,030,000.00	\$ 412,000.00
		\$ 10,300,000.00	\$ 2,369,000.00

Legislative Requirements

State must submit its Cybersecurity Plan to CISA for review by no later than **9/30/2023**

Grant funding which a State dedicates to developing or revising a Cybersecurity Plan is not subject to the required 80% local govt. (and 25% rural govt.) passthrough or benefit

Funding allocation

State cannot allocate grant funding towards implementing its Cybersecurity Plan until the Plan has been approved by:**

- This Committee
- State CIO or CISO
- CISA
- Funds dispersment will need to go through NEMA's office

**grant funds can be spent on *“addressing imminent cybersecurity threats”* prior to Plan submission and approval by CISA



16 Plan Requirements

- Incorporate any existing plans to protect against cyber risks and threats to information systems owned or operated by, or on behalf of the State and local govts. within State
 - Assess capabilities to perform the actions & activities described in Cybersecurity Plan
 - Describe individual responsibilities of State and local governments in implementing Cybersecurity Plan
 - Outline necessary resources and timeline for implementing Cybersecurity Plan
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- Manage, monitor, and track information systems, applications, and user accounts
 - *Monitor, audit, and track* **network traffic and activity**
 - Enhance preparation, response, and resilience of info. systems, apps, & user accounts against cyber risks/threats
 - Implement continuous cybersecurity vulnerability assessments and threat mitigations prioritized by risk severity
 - Adopt and use best practices & methodologies to enhance cybersecurity
 - Promote delivery of *safe, recognizable, and trusted online services*, including through use of the **.gov internet domain**
 - Ensure continuity of operations, including by conducting exercises to practice responding to a cyber incident
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- Identify and mitigate cyber workforce gaps, enhance cyber recruitment & retention, and improve knowledge, skills, & abilities through **cybersecurity training**
 - Ensure continuity of communications and data networks in the event of an incident involving those communications and data networks
 - Assess and mitigate, as much as possible, cyber risks & threats to **critical infrastructure**, which if degraded may also impact info. systems within a State
 - Enhance capabilities to share cyber threat indicators and related info. between a State and its local govts., including by expanding info. sharing agreements with CISA
 - Leverage cybersecurity services offered by CISA
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Resubmission & Annual Reporting

- Effective period of initial determination will be **two years**
- CISA *will review Plan or revision(s) to Plan* **annually** thereafter to determine if Plan continues to meet all program requirements (“annual renewal” of positive determination)



Continued

- Within **one year** (and **annually** thereafter) of a State receiving grant funding for implementing its Cybersecurity Plan, it must submit a report to CISA, **using the metrics described in its Plan**, which describes progress towards
 - *Implementing its Cybersecurity Plan*
 - *Reducing cybersecurity risks, and identifying, responding to, and recovering from cybersecurity threats*, to information systems owned or operated by, or on behalf of the State and the local governments within its jurisdiction
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Questions/Comments



DATE 8/17/22

**ESU COORDINATING COUNCIL
CERTIFICATE OF DESTRUCTION / RECYCLE REQUEST
SURPLUS PROPERTY NOTIFICATION FORM**

ASSET NUMBER

PROJECT	LOCATION	CONTACT PERSON	PHONE NUMBER / EMAIL	
	<u>ESU 10</u>	<u>Isaacson</u>	<u>sisaacson@esu-co.org</u>	
COD TYPES	DND -- DESTROY AND DISPOSE HAZ - HAZARDOUS MATERIAL PRT--CANNIBALIZE FOR PARTS DNR --DESTROY & RECYCLE (ENTER A THREE LETTER CODE IN COD TYPE FOR EACH ITEM LISTED)			
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SIGNATURES

Project Representative Scott Isaacson
(Date) 8/17/22

Witness to Disposal Deb Henrichs
(Date) 8/17/22

8 - little
S3520
series

9 - bags
to be disposed
by ESu 3-

Picked up by
Bill Puteo, ESu 3
to go MSHS to be
destroyed

DATE 8/17/22

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PROJECT	LOCATION	CONTACT PERSON	PHONE NUMBER / EMAIL
<u>Loop</u>	<u>ESU 11</u>	<u>Peterson</u>	<u>craig.peterson@esuucc.org</u>
COD TYPES	DND -- DESTROY AND DISPOSE HAZ - HAZARDOUS MATERIAL PRT--CANNIBALIZE FOR PARTS DNR --DESTROY & RECYCLE (ENTER A THREE LETTER CODE IN COD TYPE FOR EACH ITEM LISTED)		
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<u>donated to ESU 11</u>			

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SIGNATURES

Project Representative Craig Peterson
(Date) 8/17/22

Witness to Disposal Deb Henricks
(Date) 8/17/22

DATE 8/17/22

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Loop	ESU 11	Peterson	Craig.peterson@esucc.org
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Project Representative Craig Peterson
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(Date) 8/17/22

DATE 12/6/2021

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PROJECT	LOCATION	CONTACT PERSON	PHONE NUMBER / EMAIL
ESUCC	ESU 3 Conf. Room	Deb Henricks	dhenricks@esuacc.org
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TV was dropped by Vendor.			
ESU 3 disposed because it was destroyed in drop			
replacement TV # 492			

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BY Deb Henricks / Virgil Coleman

COD NUMBER _____

Date Sign Form Received 12/6/2021

SIGNATURES

Project Representative Scott Isaacson
(Date) 12/6/2021
Witness to Disposal Deb Henricks
(Date) 12/6/2021

DATE 8/17/22

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SIGNATURES

Project Representative Peterson

(Date) 8/17/22

Witness to Disposal Deb Denick

(Date) 8/17/22

DATE 8/17/22

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<u>BLL 450 camera</u>			
<u>quit working</u>			

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BY Deb Herrick

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(Date) 8/17/22

Witness to Disposal Deb Herrick
(Date) 8/17/22

DATE 8/17/22

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SIGNATURES

Project Representative Peterson
 (Date) 8/17/22
 Witness to Disposal Deb Herick
 (Date) 8/17/22

Scott Isaacson Staff Report

September, 2022

Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER I)

Attachments to the agenda show the current GEER projects and a recent accounting of GEER funds to-date. Funds must be obligated by the end of September, 2022 and so that final payments can be made and funds recovered during the 120-day liquidation period after September. We have received 70 requests for eduroam incentive funding as of September 6th, requesting a total of \$490,892. The deadline for schools and ESUs to submit eduroam funding requests is September 15th.

More targeted projects include a broadband speed test agent being developed by ESU 10 and Network Nebraska backbone equipment upgrades. The speed test agent will be made available to school districts to deploy on their devices to measure the network bandwidth available in off-school locations to help determine where additional service upgrades may be needed.

With about \$800,000 remaining GEER I funds, the Governor's office would like to fund the purchase of robotics and STEM kits for schools and ESUs. These funds fall under the same timeline for obligation (September 30, 2022), so this will need to be a very fast process. I am working with the TLT affiliate and COOP purchasing to provide a short list of items for new purchases and we will open this request process as quickly as possible. The current plan calls for the sign up to be closed September 21st to allow orders to be placed by the end of the month. It will also be possible for schools to request reimbursement for purchases of robotics and STEM equipment during the 2021-2022 school year and these may be funded, with the understanding that reimbursed funds will be used to expand robotics and STEM programs, if the requests for new purchases do not exceed the available funding.

Future Ready Digital Learning Collaborative (FRDLC)

With the remaining Software Innovation Network funding, expiring December 31, 2022, two of the cyber security projects originally planned as GEER projects are able to be funded and move forward this fall.

Proofpoint is a security awareness training and anti-phishing solution. An effectively-statewide license has been purchased for Proofpoint for K-12 schools and ESUs. We will be offering Proofpoint beginning this month to staff and students at ESUs and schools for participation. We are designing a sustainability "ramp" for participants, who will receive the software at no cost during 2022-2023, at 1/3 cost (\$1.23 per staff member) during 2023-2024 and 2/3 cost (\$2.46 per staff member) during 2024-2025. Through negotiation and cost savings we aim to keep the cost near that level in future years. Sign up will start for participants during September, 2022.

Duo security is a multi-factor authentication solution which emerged as the leader from an ESU 3 and NOC selection process. Similar to Proofpoint, a fund to subsidize purchase of Duo security for ESUs and districts is available up to \$300,000. A similar sustainability “ramp” and sign-up process will be created for this product in October. Final pricing and subsidy amounts will need to be determined based on the number of signups received.

Cyber Security

Dr. DeTurk and Andy Boell convened a cyber security task force meeting in July to prioritize cyber security needs and organize stakeholders ahead of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding of \$18 million allocated to Nebraska over the next four years. This is to be used and divided to benefit state and local government subdivisions including ESUs and school districts. Patrick Wright, the Nebraska state Chief Information Security Officer, has also convened an IIJA grant committee. I am serving on both committees at this time. We will need to reconcile the work of these two groups and ensure that we have a clear plan and request for funding to make the most of what’s available.

SRS

The SRS team has continued to make improvements and fixes over the summer based on user feedback. The 504 add-on to SRS is coded and ready to release. It is in final testing and documentation is being updated to include the new features. We are working with the SRS advisory team on the documentation and timing of the rollout of the 504 features.

Trevor and Rita have visited a number of ESU locations during the last month to conduct training on SRS for new users and administrators. These have been well attended and generated positive feedback.

Our contractor X-Eqt is beginning work with our team to update the SRS software to current code and user interface standards. This work will be ongoing through this school year and is currently scheduled for release in July, 2023.

Project PARA

The new Project PARA site went live for all users over the summer. There are currently just over 800 users registered in the system at <https://para.myesu.org>. The team is working on additional reporting features for supervisors and program management.

NVIS

The new NVIS site is next on our team’s list after SRS ADVISER preparations and the 504 feature release.



Committee Report

PROJECT NAME: Digital Learning, Distance Learning, and Remote Learning

PROJECT DIRECTOR: Andrew Easton

REPORT PERIOD: September 2022

COMMITTEE REPORT: DIGITAL LEARNING COORDINATOR

Blended Learning/Personalized Professional Development Support

- In June, **the Social Studies Special Project** participants and coaches met virtually for two days and in person for two days and developed 30 inquiry units of study for NE Social Studies grades 4-8.
 - This work would not have been possible without the exceptional leadership and efforts of Lori Broady (ESU 4), Mark Brady (ESU 7), Dawn Ferreyra (ESU 3), Nick Ziegler (ESU 5), Katrina Gotschall (ESU 8), Deb Paulman (ESU 16), and Deb Herricks and Rhonda Eis (ESUCC)
 - To learn more about this initiative, listen to this episode of The Good Life EDU Podcast titled [*Teachers Share Out About the ESUCC's Social Studies Special Project*](#)
 - For resources, access the [ESUCC's HQIM page for Social Studies Materials](#)
 - For professional learning on the inquiry model used with this initiative, access [the YouTube playlist for Dawn Ferreyra's C3 Inquiry Training](#)
 - Conversations are underway regarding future iterations of this work
- **The Blended Learning Workgroup** has made several significant revisions to its purpose statements and collective efforts for 2022-2023
 - March-May, the group met monthly to discuss and agree upon the following...
 - The blended learning workgroup will be titled "Blended Learning" (as opposed to BlendED or BlendEd, etc)
 - The 4 Purpose Statements for the Blended Learning Workgroup
 - (1) Collaborate and communicate to align initiatives and learning between the PDO affiliates.
 - (2) Identify projects that group members can support with agreed-upon goals.
 - (3) Support teachers in best practices of lesson design with a focus on content, pedagogy, and technology.

- (4) Extend the professional learning and network reach of group members.
 - In June and July, the Blended Learning Leadership (Eileen Heller of ESU 3 and Jody Bauer of ESU 11) worked on the following actionable efforts to act upon the four purpose statements
 - **To Address Purpose Statements 1 & 2 (Rule 89)**
 - The Blended Learning Workgroup will discuss and reference the [22-23 SDA Needs Assessment](#) when considering trainings, special projects, etc.
 - SDA has offered the Blended Learning Work Group the chance to host the SDA Connect Session on October 25th, 2022 (Mark your calendars! 🥳❤️)
 - SDA invited Blended Learning Leadership to an upcoming SDA Strategies Meeting to look for additional opportunities to work together (and the 2023-2024 Needs Assessment results)
 - **To Address Purpose Statements 3 & 4**
 - The Blended Learning monthly meeting will begin, as currently scheduled at 9amCT on the last Tuesday of the month. At 9:30amCT, the group will move from Zoom (private conversation) to Streamyard (live, public conversation) to host the What's N.E.X.T. with Blended Learning Live Show
 - An Example of the [Vision for the What's N.E.X.T. Live Show](#)
 - Potential topics and presenters for upcoming live shows
 - Topic Ideas: [The Blended Revisioning Data](#)
 - Ideas shared included Blended Learning and intersections with MTSS, UDL, HQIM
 - [What's NEXT Sign-Up Document](#)
 - Discussion around Blended Learning rubric history as episode 1 idea and revisioning in the future:
 - [Blended Learning Rubric 1.0](#)
 - [Blended Learning Rubric Form 2.0](#)
 - [BlendEd Projects Overview](#)
- **PD for Me** one-pagers will be discontinued due to accessibility issues
- **#SocialPD Stories** slowed over the summer, and we intend to ask our colleagues for additional content development at September PDO

Collaborations

- Collaborated on and co-hosted **the 2022 Future Ready Nebraska Conference**
 - Keynotes from John Spencer and Brandon Mowinkel with special guest presenter, Elissa Malespina
 - Participation numbers were down, discussions were had regarding revisions to the coordination timetable, promotion, etc.
 - Promoted the conference via social media and email
- Collaborated with **the NDE SEED Team** on recording three [podcasts showcasing the NTPPS work](#)
- Met several times with Becky Sosalla of **The Nebraska PowerSchool Consortium** to develop social media communication and marketing for their efforts

Distance Learning, NVIS, and VFT

- The Number of Districts Participating in Distance Learning...
 - 2019-2020: 88 Districts & ESUs
 - 2020-2021: 95 Districts & ESUs
 - 2021-2022: 104 Districts & ESUs
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- Progress on the NVIS update continues through Scott Isaacson and our programming team
- Distance Learning conversations have been at the forefront of this summer's work. Those taking part in the dialogue include...
 - Gary Needham, Scott Jones, BJ Peters, Nick Ziegler, Annette Weise, Molly Aschoff, Dorann Avey, Kraig Lofquist, Dawn Ferreyra, Jason Everett, Otis Pierce, Jon Cerny, Dan Schnoes, John Skretta, Christina Struebing, Scott Isaacson, and others
 - Pearson, the University of Nebraska HS, NCSA, Imagine Learning (formerly Edgenuity), Wisconsin Virtual School, Stride, and others
- The potential for communication issues given the recent superintendent turnover in Nebraska ([Data from NCSA](#))
 - 42 Positions Have Turned Over for 2022-2023
 - Roughly Half of Each New Wave of Sups Are New to the Position
 - Anticipating that Roughly 50 Will Turnover Next Year
 - That would be 92 out of 244 districts in two years
- Conclusions at the Moment
 - (1) Additional communication efforts need to be made
 - (2) Synchronous (Live) Connections with a teacher/instructor are preferred
 - (A) Distance Learning Centers (or Hubs) are working
 - (B) Broadly there is not an interest in creating new hubs
 - (C) School-to-School agreements prevent normalizing how DL is funded

- o (3) Asynchronous (and Synchronous-Lite) options are abundant. Do we want to partner with a tech company to provide these learning opportunities? (Keeping in mind the Rule 10 limitations)
- o (4) Teacher shortages and LB 1112 will drive interest in these alternatives and there are entities looking to step in and fill that space
- Met with Nebraska Public Media and they have a number of VFT offerings that we will be adding to our NVIS site

Professional Development

- Attended the 2022 Future Ready Conference
- Attended the 2022 Educator Effectiveness Summit
- Attended the 2022 NDE and NCSA Admin Days
- Attended the 2022 ESU 16 Edventure Event

Professional Development Presentations

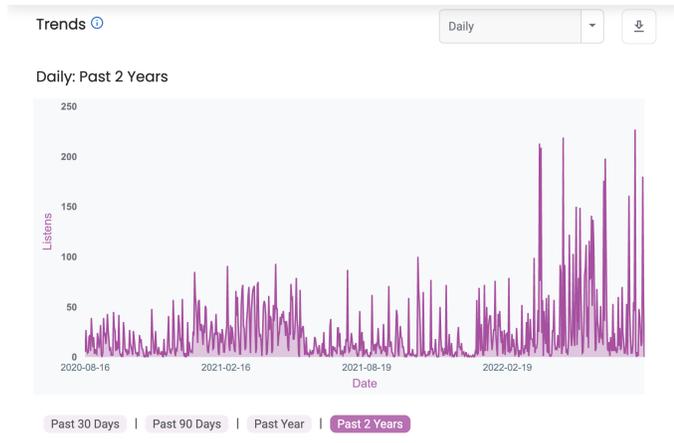
- Co-hosted and presented two sessions at the 2022 Future Ready Conference
- Presented three times across the 2022 NDE and NCSA Admin Days
- Presented twice at the 2022 ESU 16 Edventure Event

Promotional Work

- Created 3 new #SocialPD Stores
 - o [Data Literacy for ALL](#), by Amy Trauernicht, ESU 13, and Melissa Engel, ESU 16
 - o [Universal Design for Learning](#), by Peg Coover, ESU 10
 - o [Cultivating a Culture of Inquiry](#), by Katrina Gotschall, ESU 8
- Created 20 episodes of [The Good Life EDU](#) podcast.
 - o Shows:
 - **Episode 96:** [Is There a Workforce Design Problem in Education, and If So, How Might We Address It?](#), Dr. Brent Maddin
 - **Episode 95:** [Distance Learning Courses in Nebraska](#), Barry Schaeffer and Nick Ziegler
 - **Episode 94:** [What Do We Really Know About the Teacher Shortage and What Can We Do?](#), Dr. Kay Shurtleff
 - **Episode 93:** [The NDE SEED Team on School Leadership](#), Ryan Ricenbaw and Reid Ehrisman
 - **Episode 92:** [Teachers Share Out About the ESUCC's Social Studies Special Project](#), Mark Brady and teachers Tia Erikson and Elizabeth Dunn
 - **Episode 91:** [Talking Ed Tech with Eric Curts](#)
 - **Episode 90:** [How Special Education Services Individualize Programming for Learners Ages 18 to 21](#), Erica Johnson and Pam Brezenski
 - **Episode 89:** [Resources and Lesson Plans for School Librarians](#), Christine Haeffner
 - **Episode 88:** ["Evolving with Gratitude" with Lainie Rowell](#)

- **Episode 87:** [ESU 3's Gifford Farm](#), Troy Glock
- **Episode 86:** [Nebraska's Statewide Data Cadre](#), Amy Trauernicht and Melissa Engel
- **Episode 85:** [A Conversations with Brandon Mowinkle on School Culture and Ed Leadership, A Future Ready Nebraska Conference Preview](#)
- **Episode 84:** [On Cyber Security in Education](#), Andy Boell and Gary Needham
- **Episode 83:** [Dan Schnoes on AESA, the Association of Educational Service Agencies](#)
- **Episode 82:** [A Conversation with Elissa Malespina on School Librarians, A Future Ready Nebraska Conference Preview](#)
- **Episode 81:** [The NDE SEED Team on Educator Evaluations](#), Kim Snyder, Ryan Ricenbaw, and Bobby Truhe
- **Episode 80:** [A Conversation with John Spencer on Choice and Voice, A Future Ready Nebraska Conference Preview](#)
- **Episode 79:** [The NDE SEED Team on the June Educator Effectiveness Summit](#), Julie Downing, Kim Snyder, and Ryan Ricenbaw
- **Episode 78:** [Special Services in Support of Student Mental Health](#), Joe Haney and Liesel Hogan
- **Episode 77:** [An Education-Centered Recap of Nebraska's 2022 Legislative Session](#), Dr. John Skretta
- **Over 18,000 total downloads (over 5K this summer)**
- Created 20 The Good Life EDU Podcast video promo pieces
- Podcast Data
 - Averaging over 72 downloads per new episode (first 7 days) places you in the top 25% of all podcasts ([Source](#))
 - **The Good Life EDU Averages around 81 Downloads**
 - The average length of a download listen is 65% ([Source](#))
 - **The Good Life EDU Averages around 75%-82 Listen Rate**

Downloads of The Good Life EDU Podcast over the past 2 years



- Invested in Twitter promotional efforts.
 - Twitter Followers

▪ August 1343 (+19)	Reach: 8K
▪ July 1325 (+9)	Reach: 8.6K
▪ June 1316 (+13)	Reach: 10.7K
▪ May 1303 (+8)	Reach: 17.6K
▪ April 1295 (+1)	Reach: 8.9K
▪ March 1294 (+10)	Reach: 17.9K
▪ February 1284 (+12)	Reach: 23.4K
▪ January 1272 (+14)	Reach: 31.2K
2022	
▪ December: 1258 (+8)	Reach: 6,737
▪ November: 1250 (+14)	
▪ October: 1236 (+41)	
▪ September: 1195 (+71)	
▪ August: 1124 (+17)	
▪ July: 1107 (+34)	
▪ June: 1083 (+12)	
▪ May: 1071 (+70)	
▪ April: 1001 (+64) *Broke 1000 followers	
▪ March: 937 (+82)	
▪ February: 855 (+82)	
▪ January: 773 (+83)	
2021	
▪ December: 690 (+67)	

- Invested in Facebook promotional efforts.
 - Page Likes/Followers

▪ August 540 (+12)	
▪ July 528 (+10)	
▪ June 518 (+1)	
▪ May 517 (+5)	
▪ April 512 (+6)	
▪ March 506 (+3)	
▪ February 503 (+10)	
▪ January 493 (+4)	
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▪ December: 489 (+36)	
▪ November: 453 (+43)	
▪ October: 410 (+15)	
▪ September: 395 (+4)	
▪ August: 391 (+13)	
▪ July: 378 (+18)	
▪ June: 360 (+3)	

- May: 357 (+8)
 - April: 349 (+33)
 - March: 316 (+52)
 - February: 264 (+30)
 - January: 234 (+40)
- 2021**
- December: 194 (+7)



Committee Report

PROJECT NAME: Digital Learning - Instructional Materials

PROJECT COORDINATOR: Rhonda Eis

REPORT PERIOD: September 2022

[ESU PD Library](#)

Renewal of 3 year contract - September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2025

\$4500 for 3 years - funds applied to new purchases

Participating ESUs will be invoiced at \$300 each

Sora Activity Report 2021-22 ([pdf link](#))

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OER Summer Work

238 resources aligned to Nebraska Standards

Agriculture and Natural Resources - 68

Business, Marketing & Management - 5

English Language Arts - 17

Family and Consumer Science - 2

K - 12 Fine Arts - 40

Math - 5

Physical Education - 2

Science - 9

Social Studies - 27

World Language - 63

New resources to the hub

Areas - Agriculture, History, World Languages, and Visual Arts

110 newly created/ authored

138 curated from other content creators in OER

Two major projects

NDE Project World Languages

[World Language OER](#)

ESUCC Social Studies Special Project

[Social Studies Special Project - OER Work Group](#)

Website: [Social Studies Project – ESU CC](#)

TLT 2022-2023 Training Summary

- **November 16-17, 2022**
 - [The Road to Copyright Clarity with Renee Hobbs](#)
 - Location: ESU #3
 - Audience: All of affiliates, anyone sharing materials whether hard copy or electronically
 - FYI: Presenter Virtual (In-Person & Virtual Participants will be frequently engaged in conversations with each other)
 - Exploring option to open up the training for district people
- **February 8-9, 2023**
 - [Supporting UDL Implementation within MTSS](#)
 - Location: Virtual (Zoom)
 - Day 1 AM - UDL w/ Dr. Katie Novak
 - Day 1 PM - UDL Processing
 - Day 2 AM - NeMTSS Work & Connections
 - Day 2 PM - Reflection & Connections
(Reflection and connection of previous blended learning work with Dr. Catlin Tucker and the UDL and NeMTSS workshops)

TLT Leadership 2022-23

- Co-Chair - Chris Haeffner, ESU 18
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- Co-Recorder - Jason Everett, ESU 10
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