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## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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- Dr. Kraig Lofquist, Chief Administrator / Human Resources (through 06/30/2019)
- Drew Harris, Chief Administrator / Human Resources (beginning 07/01/2019)
- Emily Burr, Business Office Manager
- Jackie Ediger, Professional Development Director
- Joe Haney, Special Services Director
- Gary Needham, Technology/Media Director

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## GOVERNING BOARD OF ESU 9

ESU 9 IS GOVERNED BY A BOARD CONSISTING OF EIGHT (8) ELECTED MEMBERS.

Ken Spray, President	District #4
Mary Yilk, Vice-President	District #8
Rick Poppe, Secretary	District #6
Kevin Schneider	District #1
Don Burling	District #2
Scott Boyles	District #3
Danna Wolford	District #5
Jodi Graves	District #7

Regular board meetings: Third Monday of each month; alternate date: Tuesday following third Monday of each month.

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## STAFF CORE VALUES...

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*SERVICE is  
our middle name!*



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## WHAT WE OFFER...

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- Special Services
- Professional Development Services
- Media and Technology Services
- Special Projects
- Grant Management

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## WE SERVE...

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- 14 Public School Districts
- 766 Teachers
- 9,589 Students

*Serving Adams, Clay, Southern Hall, Hamilton, Nuckolls,  
and Webster Counties in South Central Nebraska.*

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**April 2019**

**NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION:**

*It is the policy of ESU 9 not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, handicap, religion, or marital status in its educational programs, activities or employment policies. ESU 9 is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

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# Annual Report 2018-2019

## EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 9



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*The Mission of Educational Service Unit 9 is to  
Educate, Empower, and Inspire Lifelong learners.*

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## SPECIAL SERVICES

JOE HANEY, DIRECTOR

**Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and sign language interpreters/language facilitators work with students and families with a hearing loss from birth to 21 years, to better connect and learn in the classroom.

**Early Childhood Education:** Early Childhood Special Education Teachers educate children and families from birth to 5 years. Supporting students with a variety of needs to increase developmental skills and support transition into the student's school.

**Licensed Mental Health Practitioner:** LMHP is a State Certified mental health practitioner that can assess and treat students with mild to severe mental health issues that may impact their education.

**School Psychologist:** School Psychologists identify, diagnose and verify students with disabilities. In addition to qualifying students for special education, this service provides information about students' abilities as well as offer recommendations for teaching strategies.

**Behavioral Specialist:** The Behavior Specialists assess, train/coach, advise and develop programs to provide systems of care for students with social/emotional/behavioral needs in the schools.

**Speech Language Pathology:** Speech-Language Pathologists provide assessment and intervention or instruction to students with communicative disorders from birth through 21 years of age.

**Blind/Visually Impaired:** The Teacher of the Blind/Visually Impaired provides vision education and instruction in Braille, assistive technology, expanded core curriculum, and compensatory techniques for students with vision needs in the school setting.

**18+ Program:** This program is designed to assist students in the transition to adulthood by providing opportunities for the students to experience various career/work possibilities, which are appropriate for each student's unique needs. Students also participate in community activities that help promote independence.

### Other:

- Autism Team
- Central Western Nebraska Partnership
- Hastings Project SEARCH
- Materials and resources check out
- Migrant Education Program
- Special Education Trainings
- Supervision
- Title 1
- Transition



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

JACKIE EDIGER, DIRECTOR

**The Teaching and Learning Team provides opportunities including...**

- Principal Leadership
- Facilitation of curriculum development
- Content area workshops/cadres
- Instructional Frameworks (Danielson, Marzano, District-Developed)
- Writing
- Explicit instruction
- NWEA and NSCAS
- Acadience Reading and Math Support
- New Teacher training
- School Continuous Improvement Process for Cognia and NE Frameworks
- Instructional Technology Support for computers, Chromebooks and iPads
- Google Apps for Education
- Great Plains Summit - Midwest Technology Conference supporting Google Apps for Education
- Teaching and Learning Conference each fall for ESU9 Districts

### Grant Consortium and Coordination

- IIA
- Carl Perkins
- ReVISION

### Youth Events

- Quiz Bowl
- Invention Convention
- Future Problem Solvers
- Chess Tournament
- Science Olympiad
- Youth Leadership

**ESU9 partners with Hastings College to offer graduate credit to area educators each summer.**

## TECHNOLOGY / MEDIA SERVICES

GARY NEEDHAM, DIRECTOR

**Technology Services:** Technology staff work to ensure smooth operation of technology within the schools. Reliable network infrastructure is a central mission, with emphasis on network security, Internet connectivity, wireless networking, and utilizing e-rate funding. Additional services include a repair center with Apple certification, individualized consulting with schools, central web filtering, and facilitated events for school technology staff. A single-sign on service was added in 2018-19 to help schools reduce the work and time to get online services running.

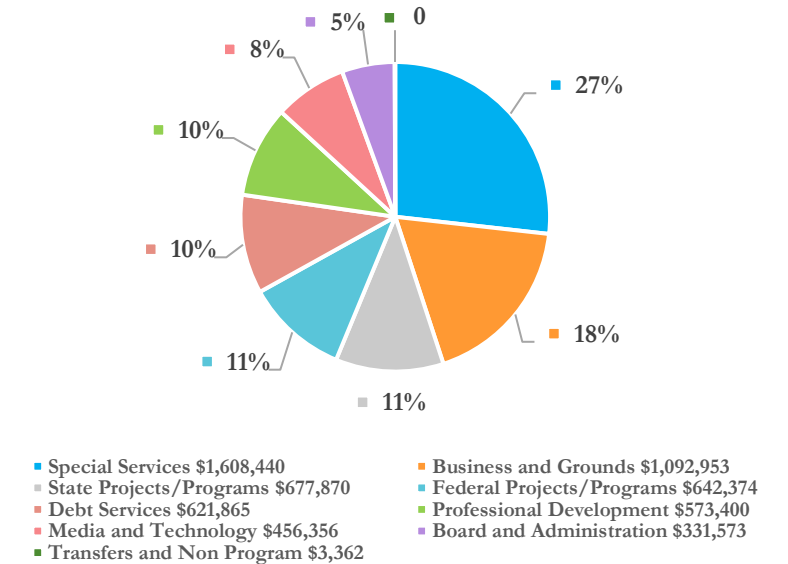
**Media services** offer materials and services in three main categories:

- Online subscription services are provided at group discounts to enhance media center materials and digital citizenship education. Currently, these subscriptions provide online access to educational video, encyclopedia, e-books, and videoconferencing software.
- Our Print Center offers 3-D printing, poster printing, lamination, DVD duplication, and related services from the ESU.
- Teachers may checkout items from the DVD and equipment collection. Available equipment ranges from video players and cameras to instructional robots.

## FINANCIAL

EMILY BURR, BUSINESS OFFICE MANAGER

**Total Expenditures: \$6,008,193**



**Revenues - Total Receipts: \$5,744,089**

