

# STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**HEARING TYPE:**      X   INFORMATION/NO ACTION

**DATE:**                    September 18, 2007

**SUBJECT:**                **ESD 171 SURROUNDING SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
ON MATH LEADERSHIP**

**SERVICE UNIT:**        Edie Harding, Executive Director  
State Board of Education

**PRESENTER:**            Superintendent Glenn Johnson  
Cashmere School District

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## **BACKGROUND:**

The ESD 171 has been working as an entire region (22 to 29 districts currently involved with four additional districts, pending budgets) on a Math Leadership Alliance, which is funded entirely by the member districts with the intent of leveraging staff (both local and ESD), teacher training with the goal of improving mathematics achievement by 20% across all student demographics – WASL cells, including ESL and Special Education) over the next three years.

The ESD 171 believes that it is leading edge, innovative, and replicable; however, most important it has deep buy-in from districts not only financially (a three year commitment totaling nearly \$1 million dollars), but also has the significant advantage of leveraging staff training dollars, aligning materials, and power standards across an entire region.

The district has gone one step further, as a region, to begin deeply imbedding our ESL, migrant and bilingual program, and strategies into the Alliance as we already know that the strategies that help teachers reach children are the same strategies that help teachers with all kids. This is further leveraged by key work, building parent capacity as well as the addition of “graduation specialists” in two of our districts as a pilot project specifically targeted at increasing graduation rates within this demographic. The district believes this will develop as an important template that we can adapt to our coming work in science as well.