



Commissioner's Report

2014-15 Year in Review
"Every Student, Every Day"
to
"Broader. Bolder. Better."

Standing alone on a stage...

Systems to Support Every Student, Every Day

Matthew L. Blomstedt, Commissioner
2014 Administrator Days / NDE Day
July 30, 2014



ADMINISTRATORS' DAYS | NDE DAY

July 30, 2014 | Younes Conference Center | Kearney, NE



Systems & Vision



The Nebraska Education System

Designed in Constitution, Statute, Rule, and Regulation

Influenced by Federal, State, Local demands

Driven by educator passion, vision, and leadership



Vision: An Opportunity



Policy Forums and Communication

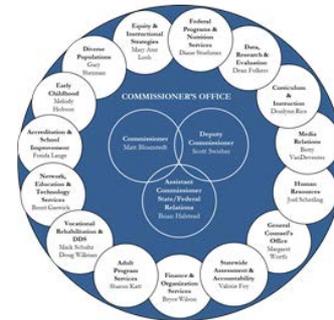


AQUESTT
for Nebraska

Agency Capacities and Structure Changes

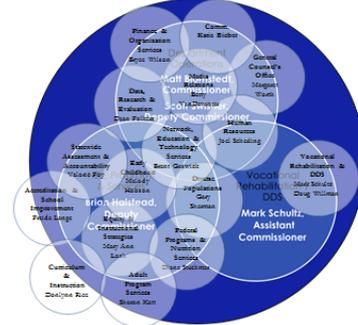


Current Leadership Council Structure



Nebraska Department of Education: Systems to Support **ONE ANOTHER**

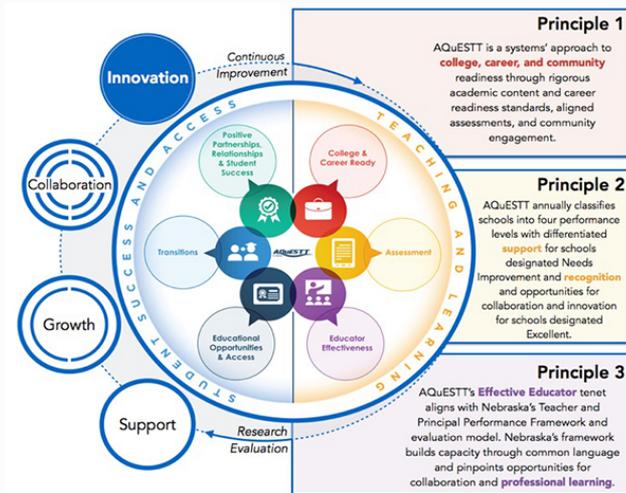
Future Leadership Committee Structures: How does the work intersect?



ESEA & Flexibility Application

Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility: Nebraska's Waiver from NCLB

Nebraska's written request for ESEA Flexibility shifts the focus of accountability and gives us a more robust picture of what our students can do. It is an opportunity to outline our goals, create a shared vision and tell our Nebraska story. The link to the waiver can be found [here](#).



The ESEA Flexibility request has three primary principles and a broader goal of reducing government burden on districts, teachers, and most of all students.

These principles are:

Principle 1: College and Career Ready Expectations for All Students:

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The Six Tenets of AQUESTT



The framework is designed around the following six tenets:





2015 NDE DAY
ADMINISTRATORS' DAYS



Improving Education for



Every Student, Every Day



“[For] education reform, it should be clear that the moral imperative focuses on raising the bar and closing the gap in student learning and achievement for all children regardless of background.”

Michael Fullan, *The Moral Imperative Realized*, (2011)



Stability for All Students



Equity of Access



Equity of Opportunity



Equity of Resources



Addressing the Achievement Gap



Shared Accountability







Thank you to the NDE Staff!