

Nebraska District Parish Schools Nebraska District 2010

WELSSA--(Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod School Accreditation) lists three objectives for the self-study/accreditation process.

- ✓ Assist congregations with evaluating their schools
- ✓ Provide congregations with basis for developing a school improvement plan
- ✓ Provide a means by which WELS schools can become accredited

WELSSA is recognized by NCPSA (National Council for Private School Accreditation). These organizations ensure that accredited schools meet state and national standards. Accreditation status adds credibility to a school's program but, more importantly, it provides a plan for continued improvement.

The following schools in the Nebraska are participating the WELSSA program –

Accredited Salem, Colorado Springs NE
 Our Savior, Longmont CO
 Rocky Mt. Lutheran High School, Northglenn CO
 Mt. Olive, Overland Park KS
 Prince of Peace, Salt Lake City UT
 Shepherd of the Valley, Westminster CO
 Nebraska Lutheran High School, Waco NE

Working through Accreditation process

Zion, Denver CO
 Good Shepherd, Omaha NE
 St. Paul, Plymouth NE

Leadership Workshops--On June 22-23, over 30 WELS school leaders, including almost all of the District School Coordinators and representatives from our ALHS, will gather at the SAB to receive training at Leadership Institute Modules (LIM) co-presenters. These NTC trained leaders will then be able to offer Leadership Institute Modules back in their districts and ALHS federations during the coming year. They will also serve as presenters for a wider and more formal rollout of the modules the following year. The goal is to make the LIM available throughout our entire synod to all principals, ECM directors, pastors, and all school leaders.

Student Teachers--Student teachers from Martin Luther College (MLC) completed their student teaching in our district for the second year. This last school year, seven schools were able to serve as supervisors to nine MLC student teachers. Several other schools are requesting student teachers for this upcoming school year and we are hoping to continue this partnership with MLC.

Team Ministry Process--All of the elementary schools in our district are served by Team Ministry Process counselors. Thank you to all counselors in the district for your service.

Assisting Beginning Teachers--A workshop to introduce the newly assigned teachers to our district and their mentors will be held in August.

Assisting New Principals--The newly assigned or reassigned principal apprentices in our district have been given a mentor by the Commission on Lutheran Schools.

Supplementary CLS Funding--The Supplemental Support Program continues to finance a significant portion of the Commission for Lutheran Schools' work. The amount collected allows expanded services (Parents' Crosslink, Learn 360) and subscription discounts (Discovery Streaming, Powerschool, Curriculum Mapper) for participating schools. It also provides resources for CLS's ongoing work with the New Teacher Center to revamp the Team Ministry Process, implement a new mentoring program, and introduce Leadership Institute training modules.

Contributions this year:

ECM	LES	ALHS	TOTALS	PERCENTAGE
1/14	13/19	1/2	15/35	42.8%

District Enrollments

	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10
ECM	433	569	597	569	588
LES	688	708	712	695	681
LHS	157	141	156	142	115

District News

- St. Paul, Plymouth, NE, spent its first year in its new school building offering more room for its growing enrollment. They also added a full-time teacher this last year. The school is also in the process of accreditation.
- St. Paul, Norfolk, NE, has seen an enrollment increase from 41 in 2008-09, to 52 in 2009-10 to a projected enrollment of 67 for next year. They are also proposing a building project to their voters.
- Zion, Valentine, NE, is increasing their elementary faculty from one to two full time teachers.
- Good Shepherd, Omaha, NE, is undertaking changes in both staff (immediate) and, God-willing, a facility in the near future. In the past two years enrollment has grown from 66 students to about 100 in the 2010 school year. With this increase, they are adding a separate part-time Kindergarten position, as well as a principal/development director position for the new building program.
- Our Saviors, Longmont, CO, received their full accreditation this last year.
- Nebraska Lutheran High School received their full accreditation this last year.
- Mt. Olive, Overland Park, KS, received their full accreditation this last year.

By God's grace,

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