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Superintendent Report

February 2025

Tiger Tots Childcare Project:

The Childcare Project is showing some signs of progress with the month of February now approaching the halfway point. On 01/22/2025, the City of Benkelman "APPROVED" a building permit for the Tiger Tots Childcare project. With that permit in place, the General Contractor (TCC Construction of Loveland, CO) started to initiate their project calendar. TCC Construction will have the Project Supervisor coming to Benkelman on Monday, 02/17/2025. It sounds like the company will be purchasing/taking possession of a home in Benkelman for the Supervisor and Crew to reside in while construction is underway. Weather permitting, the initial concrete pour is scheduled for Monday, 03/10/2025. There has also been a meeting with the "Communities 4 Kids" group to begin organizing the timeline for the hiring of employees.

School District Classification(s):

Per State Statute 79-104, on January 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Education was to reclassify any school district to the classification required by the changes made to section 79-102 by Laws 2024, LB 1329, which reclassification shall be effective immediately. The five classifications are as follow:

--Class I includes any school district embracing territory having a population of fewer than one thousand five hundred inhabitants that maintains both elementary and high school grades under the direction of one school board (88 districts);

--Class II includes any school district embracing territory having a population of one thousand five hundred or more but fewer than five thousand inhabitants that maintains both elementary and high school grades under the direction of one school board (105 districts including *Dundy Co. Stratton*);

--Class III includes any school district embracing territory having a population of five thousand or more but fewer than two hundred thousand inhabitants and maintains both elementary and high school grades under the direction of a single school board (50 districts);

--Class IV includes any school district embracing territory having a population of two hundred thousand or more inhabitants with a city of the primary class within the territory of the district that maintains both elementary and high school grades under the direction of a single school board (01 district—*Lincoln*); and

--Class V includes any school district whose employees participate in a retirement system established pursuant to the Class V School Employees Retirement Act and which embraces territory

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having a city of metropolitan class within the territory of the district that maintains both elementary and high school grades under the direction of a single board and any school district with territory in a city of the metropolitan class created pursuant to the Learning Community Reorganization Act and designated as a Class V school district in the reorganization plan. (01 district—*Omaha*)

2025-2026 State Aid Projection (*current model*):

<u>'24-25 State Aid</u>	<u>'25-26 State Aid</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percent</u>
\$ 425,927.00	\$ 430,206.00	\$ 4,279.00	0.08%

Per state statute, the Legislature will be certifying the 2025-2026 State Aid calculation in the month of March. There is some legislation that could impact the projected amount as well as the distribution so the date for certification could get pushed to later in the session.

Farmers Co-operative Grain & Supply of Trenton, NE:

A check was received from Farmers Co-op in the amount of \$874.51 for a patronage dividend.

Nebraska Property Tax Credit:

At the regular January board meeting, I talked briefly about the Nebraska School District Property Tax Relief Credit (SDPTRC) being established and implemented with the initial amount of \$750 million for the fiscal year of 2024-2025. The funds are to be disbursed to Nebraska counties in two equal payments: the first, on or before January 31; and the second, on or before April 1. The first payment was included in the February tax receipts from the counties. Those amounts are as follows:

Dundy County \$520,497.41--Hitchcock County \$150,945.38--Hayes County (not received)

2024-2025 State Apportionment:

The '24-25 district share from the Temporary School Fund based on the 2024 census of children ages five to eighteen who live in the district has been received. Funding for the Temporary School Fund is from the State Board of Education Lands and Funds (BELF). The director of BELF (Kelly Sudbeck) presented at the '24-25 ESU #15 & 16 Board Member Workshop in North Platte, NE on 01/15/2025.

FINAL APPORTIONMENT FOR 2024 CENSUS OF DISTRICTS THAT OPERATED IN THE PRIOR SCHOOL YEAR—ACTUAL 2024/25 APPORTIONMENT OF \$119,860,481.19 AMONG

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A STATE TOTAL CENSUS OF 380,897 RESULTS IN AN APPORTIONMENT FACTOR OF \$314.679509675

Dundy County Stratton Class II Census (5-18) = 324 \$101,956.16

FINAL APPORTIONMENT FOR 2023 CENSUS OF DISTRICTS THAT OPERATED IN THE PRIOR SCHOOL YEAR—ACTUAL 2023/24 APPORTIONMENT OF \$59,523,203.13 AMONG A STATE TOTAL CENSUS OF 380,721 RESULTS IN AN APPORTIONMENT FACTOR OF \$156.3433672689

Dundy County Stratton Class III Census (5-18) = 343 \$53,625.77

Superintendent Leave (2024-2025):

Work Day(s): 157 days available

Sick Leave: 10 days available (04 days used) = 06 days remaining

Vacation Leave: 15 days available (03 days used) = 13 days remaining

**current as of 02/13/2025*

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