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[1. Job Posting](#)

Superintendent Educational Service District 101 Spokane, Washington

The Board of Directors of Educational Service District 101 is seeking applications for the position of superintendent, to replace Dr. Terry Munther, who will be retiring July 1, 2008. ESD 101 serves a seven-county region in the northeastern corner of Washington State. The region, bounded by Canada to the north and Idaho to the east, serves 59 public school districts and 45 state-approved private schools in Adams, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens and Whitman counties.

The successful candidate will need to be a recognized “leader of leaders.” He or she will need to have the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of audiences and through a variety of mediums, and have a proven entrepreneurial approach to customer service. An active, energetic and open leadership style is essential, as is unquestionable honesty and integrity. An earned doctorate and successful experience as a local district administrator will be regarded as assets, but are not requirements for the position.

The application deadline has been extended to February 10, 2008. The vacancy brochure and application materials can be obtained by contacting Dr. Dennis Ray, Northwest Leadership Associates, 724 N. Lancashire Lane, Liberty Lake, WA 99019, or by email at dennisray@superintendentsearch.com or phone at (509) 255-9954

For more information please see the [ESD 101 brochure](#) for this position.

2. On The Hill

APPROPRIATIONS BILL

As the last act of the year, Congress passed and President Bush signed an omnibus appropriations bill (H.R. 2764) with funding for U.S. Department of Education programs. It includes:

\$13.9 billion for Title I grants to local education agencies, an 8.3% increase over fiscal year 2007;

\$11.8 billion for special education grants;

\$2.94 billion to help states improve the quality of their teachers;

\$1.27 billion for career and technical education grants, a small decrease from FY 2007; and

\$16 billion in Pell Grants for low- and middle-income college undergraduates, a 16.7% increase over FY 2007 when funding from both the appropriations bill and the separate *College Cost Reduction and Access Act* (approved in September) are combined.

Also, the Reading First program was significantly cut from \$1 billion last year to \$393 million this year. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO

<http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/news.html#08action>.

3. Recent Reports

Quality Counts 2008: Tapping Into Teaching, January 10, 2008

Quality teaching matters more to student achievement than anything else schools does, but the report found that states could be doing much more to attract, prepare, allocate, and retain the best teachers.

Exclusive web-only content includes:

State highlights reports

State report cards

Detailed state data comparisons and

Grading calculator for states

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/toc/2008/01/10/index.html>

Examining District Guidance to Schools on Teacher Evaluation Policies in the Midwest Region

This report from Midwest Regional Educational Laboratory provides a snapshot of teacher evaluation policies across a demographically diverse sample of districts in the Midwest Region. It aims to lay the groundwork for further research and inform conversations about current policies at the local, district, and state levels.

<http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs/projects/project.asp?id=30>