

# PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL DISTRICT

## # 11-5

### 2008-2009 Narrative Profile

#### **Section 1: Unique Local Insights**

Platte-Geddes School District # 11-5 is located in south central South Dakota. The district includes parts of Douglas, Brule, Aurora and Charles Mix counties. The following communities are located within the district boundaries, Joubert, Academy, New Holland, Geddes and Platte.

During the 2006-07 school year the Platte and Geddes School Districts began consolidation discussions. In July, an election was held to consolidate the two districts. With a voting percentage of over 90% in favor of consolidation, in both communities, a new district began operation in the fall of 2007-08 called the Platte-Geddes School District # 11-5.

The Missouri River borders the district on the west and south, to the east it shares borders with the Armour and Corsica School Districts, to the North the Kimball School District. The combined districts of Platte and Geddes have a total of 632 square miles. Highways 44 and 45 intersect the city of Platte and highway 50 runs west of Geddes.

The present high school building was constructed in 1924 and is still in use as Platte-Geddes High School. The National Guard Armory was constructed in 1969. Since that time, there have been numerous additions at both the Armory and the high school. During the summer of 2008, the Platte-Geddes School invested in the future by installing Geo-Thermal heating and cooling systems for both the elementary and secondary buildings.

The hospital in Platte dates back to the late 1940s. In September of 1947, the former residence of Senator Edwin Johnson was purchased for \$11,000. This two-story house was the only hospital space until 1955 when a one-story addition was added. Since that time, numerous changes and expansions have been made to improve the campus to a 15-bed hospital, a 48-bed nursing home, a recently expanded medical clinic, and the Platte Dental Clinic. The hospital/nursing home is the community's largest employer. The Platte Hospital has increased the size of the existing hospital, with completion of the project early next year.

Fort Randall Dam was completed in the early 1950s and Lake Francis Case has become a recreational attraction, bringing many visitors to the area. Three state parks are located in the immediate area and are instrumental to the Platte-Geddes economy.

The opening of the Platte-Winner Bridge in 1966 gave travelers a new route to and from the Black Hills. It also allowed easier travel to Platte from the west, which improved Platte's business community.

Platte and Geddes has always been dependent upon agriculture and the area offers many choices. Pastures in the hills near the Missouri River support many cattle operations. Crops grown in the area include corn, wheat, soybeans, oats, alfalfa and grasses and there are cattle, hog and sheep operations.

Platte is a leader in retail sales for towns of its size in the state, indicating a strong and varied business community. The city has completed projects in the past years replacing a large share of the water mains and sewer lines, construction of curb and gutter, and hard surfaced streets in nearly all areas of the city.

## **Section 2: Student Characteristics**

The Platte-Geddes School District # 11-5 has six attendance centers: Platte-Geddes Elementary (K-6), Cedar Grove Colony School (K-8), Platte Colony School (K-8), Platte Colony High School (9-12), Cedar Grove Colony High School (9-12) and Platte-Geddes Junior/Senior High School (7-12). The four colony schools are members of the Hutterite Brethren, with a combined enrollment of 64 students. Dakota Christian School which is located in the Platte-Geddes School District is a nondenominational, religious private school located east on highway 44.

The Platte-Geddes School District was selected to participate in the Classroom Connections Year 2 of the laptop initiative. As cited in "Going One-to-One" in the December/January 2005-06 issue of Educational Leadership (ASCD) research shows there are five excellent educational advantages to having laptops for every student: 21st century learning skills, greater engagement through multimedia, more and better writing, deeper learning, and easier integration of technology into instruction. The article states that "laptops facilitate the kinds of learning, thinking, and analysis that today's world demands".

Schools in the Platte-Geddes District have received the Distinguished School Award from the South Dakota State Department of Education. All Platte-Geddes Schools have successfully made AYP for the current school year. In 2007-08, Platte-Geddes students that took the ACT had the highest ACT average in the state, with an average score of 24.8. Over the past 4 years the average ACT score for students in Platte-Geddes school is 23.2.

Platte-Geddes graduated 32 seniors with a graduation rate of 100% for the 2007-08 school year. Attendance for PreK-5 averaged 98%, grades 6-8 averaged 97.4%, grades 9-12 averaged 96.1%.

<b>STUDENT GROUP</b>	<b>% OF TOTAL STUDENTS</b>
White	99%
Ethnicity	<1%
Special Education	11%
Gifted and Talented	0
LEP	5%
Poverty	33%
Migrant	0
Discipline referrals	<2%

### **Section 3: Instructional Data**

Platte-Geddes School District # 11-5 is served by a veteran staff with the average length of tenure over 18 years. The teacher turnover rate is extremely small. The past few years the only turnover has come from retirements.

<b># of FTE</b>	<b>46.3</b>
Teacher: pupil ratio	11.2
HQT	100%
Advanced Degrees	11.5%
Turnover rate	<1%
Administrative credentials	1 specialist, 2 Masters
Ethnicity	100% white
Gender	15 males/31 females

### **Section 4: Financial Data**

General Fund Revenue	\$2,566,239
Capital Fund	\$669,907
Special Education Fund	\$424,777
Pension Fund	\$71,872
Ag Levy	3.03
Non Ag Levy	4.03
Owner Occupied Levy	4.76
Non Ag Utilities Levy	10.19
Special Education Levy	1.40
Capital Outlay Levy	2.75

Pension Fund Levy	.30
Per Pupil Spending-All funds	6079
Federal Revenue	239,930
State Revenue	1,348,79034
Local Revenue	37,500
Opt Out	1,453,890
Debt Service	182,620
Teacher Salaries Average	35,541

### **Section 5: Community Data**

The business communities in the Platte-Geddes district have over 160 businesses that offer a wide variety of goods and services to their communities and surrounding area. The City of Platte is home to the Mid-Central Educational Cooperative that provides services to 12 area member schools. The Mid-Central Educational Cooperative has been in Platte since 1977. This organization was created to meet the special education needs of students as a result of the passage of public law 94-142. The Mid-Central Educational Cooperative is also home to the ESA Region 3 office.

The Platte-Geddes communities are served by over 11 churches. A well-maintained softball/baseball complex is located on the southwest part of town, along with a beautiful nine-hole golf course which lies just outside of the city limits along the shores of Lake Platte. The City of Platte is in the progress of building a new swimming pool and park that will be located in the south part of Platte. In 2009-2010, the City of Platte was will host the State B Legion Baseball Tournament.

<b>Other Demographic Information About the Communities</b>	
High School Education or higher	72.7%
Bachelor's Degree or higher	15.8%
Graduate or professional degree	3.8%
Mean travel time to work	10.4 minutes
Median house value	\$57,500
Median Income	\$33,200