

# YOU ARE PART OF SOMETHING



## KEY MESSAGES.

- You have the unique opportunity to be part of a changing system that will help ensure a quality education for all students in Nebraska.
- AQuESTT is a next generation accountability system developed by Nebraskans for Nebraska. It goes beyond what is required by statute, providing much more than a test-based method for measuring student achievement. It is unlike any other state system of accountability.
- AQuESTT considers the broader educational experiences and success of each student, not just performance on mandated assessments. Student growth and improvement over time are just as important.
- AQuESTT is focused on continuous improvement for schools. The system is built on six key investments: 1) positive partnerships, relationships, and student success, 2) transitions, 3) educational opportunities and access, 4) college and career ready, 5) assessment, and 6) educator effectiveness. Success in these areas will result in better outcomes for all students and schools.
- AQuESTT classifies schools and districts into four performance levels: excellent, great, good, and needs improvement. As a result, the system can focus on students in schools most in need of assistance to improve.
- To enhance AQuESTT efforts, NDE provides systems of support centered on two key areas: 1) teaching and learning and 2) student success and access.
- Three priority schools will be designated from the needs improvement classification level.
- By working collaboratively and focusing on AQuESTT's six tenets, we can help enhance the education system, positively impact our children and schools, and create a better Nebraska. Together, we can build a broader, bolder, and better system for all students.

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