

South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD) Presentation

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Governor's Proposal: \$2 Million Cut

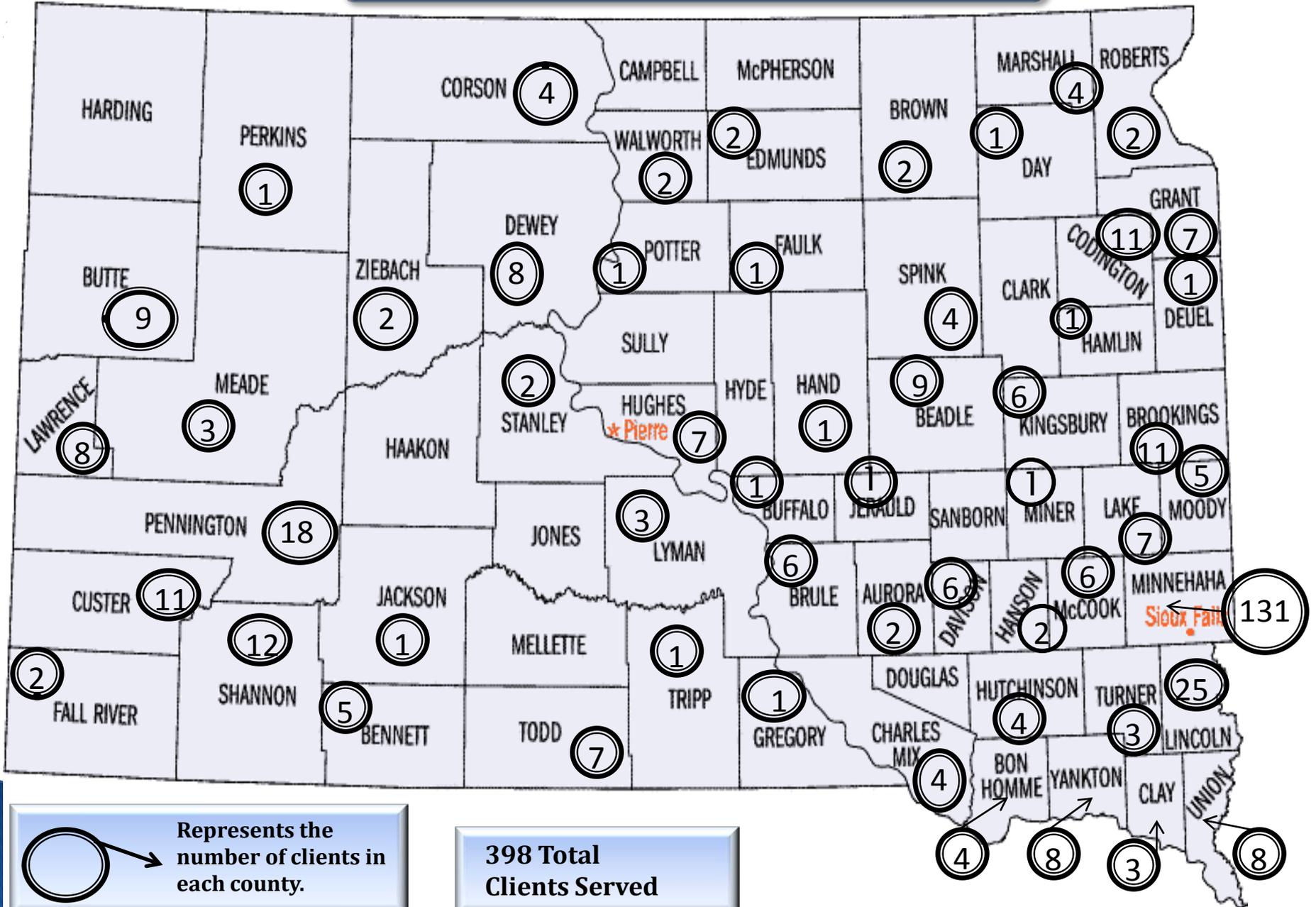
- ▶ How:
 - ▶ Cut all Instructional Staff
 - ▶ Close the main school facility
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Current Enrollments for SDSD

SDSD On-Campus Enrollment		School Districts Served by SDSD		Outreach Enrollment	
ASL Preschool	6	Brandon Valley	3/34	ASL	21
ASL Elementary	7	Brookings	1/34	A/O	338
ASL Middle School	2	Chamberlain	2/34	Other	39
ASL High School	4	Hanson County	1/34	Totals	398
A/O Preschool	4	Parkston	1/34	Public Schools in SD	161
A/O Elementary	11	Sioux Falls	26/34	Public Schools Served	85
Total Students	34	Total Districts Served	6	Private or BIA Schools Served	10

- Two Platform issue affects actual numbers on campus.
- Cost per student on campus vs. outreach
- Predominantly Minnehaha county students:
 - 34 – 29/34 are in Minnehaha.
 - 12 Students out of 34 are dual enrolled in public school districts

2009 SDSD OUTREACH ENROLLMENT



 Represents the number of clients in each county.

398 Total Clients Served

Outreach Program Proposal

- ▶ More robust and responsive Outreach Program
- ▶ Double Staff – from current 6 to 12
- ▶ Staffing needs:
 - Speech Language Pathologists
 - Early Childhood Specialists
 - Special Education Teachers
 - Pediatric Audiologists
 - Counselors
- ▶ Outreach Consultants, to consult with school districts on differing methodologies, depending on district offerings

Mission of Expanded Outreach

- ▶ Resource for school districts, including consultation with the students and staff
- ▶ Leadership in Hearing Loss:
 - Selecting appropriate communication systems
 - Technology
 - Centralized on-site workshops
- ▶ Collaborate with families and children, as well as, various education and medical agencies
- ▶ Assistance with IEPs, ISFPs and 504 Plans
- ▶ Full multi-disciplinary assessments



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While this will be a difficult change for some, keep in mind that we will be able to do much more for more of our students through the Outreach Program statewide. We plan to double our outreach staff and provide more direct services, consultations, on-site visits, and intervention services to students across the state.

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