



*Providing comprehensive special education and alternative learning services for Northeastern Minnesota schools.*

- Supporting special education services for students in all member districts: 1,527 students (Dec. 2019).
- The cooperative model allows districts to pool resources, to reduce costs and enhance their ability to provide the low incidence services that are often hard to find.

**What this project establishes:**

- True cooperation among the 10 area schools working together.
- Long-term commitment of quality services for students with special needs
- Keeps member districts cooperating
- Large geographic impact on taxpayers across northeastern MN
- Member districts continue to contribute what they currently pay
- Addresses significant facility needs (*parts of the building are 95 years old*)
- Fairness in cost distribution
- More efficient use of space and resources
- Keeps the NLC centrally located to member districts
- Adds value to the NLC through ownership



**Moving Forward: NLC Space Needs**

*After study of multiple options over the past year, it is recommended to pursue addition/remodel of the James Madison building (current NLC location) for an estimated project cost of \$18M*

*Best example of cooperative partnership on the Range* 😊