



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

- Supporting special education services for students in all member districts: 2,045 students (Feb. 2023).
- 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 a year-long study of multiple options, it is recommended to pursue an addition/remodel of the James Madison building (current NLC location) for an estimated project cost of \$21M.

Best example of cooperative partnership on the Range!