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Gale certifies new Omaha area learning community

LINCOLN – Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale on July 25 issued a certification for the new learning community of Douglas and Sarpy counties that will deal with educational issues in the Omaha area.

The learning community was authorized by LB 1024, which was passed by the Legislature in April.

Under LB 1024, Gale was to certify the learning community by Aug. 1. The entity officially starts Sept. 1.

Under the law, the affected 11 school districts in the two counties will become part of the learning community and will share financial resources.

The learning community will be governed by a coordinating council, which will consist of one school board member from each member district. Each district's superintendent will serve as an ex officio member of the council.

Under the law, Gale will schedule and host each monthly meeting of the council and will serve as a facilitator at each meeting.

The first meeting of the council will be held in September. Time and location for the first meeting have not been determined.

LB 1024 was passed to deal with issues relating to school district boundaries in the Omaha area.

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