Educational Data Systems (EDS) was founded in 1973, by current President, Bill Gilmore. As a former science teacher, administrator and educational consultant, Mr. Gilmore had been providing assistance to school districts confronted with changes in demographics, size and funding levels. Mr. Gilmore's mission is to provide school districts with sophisticated systems for long range facilities planning, transportation planning and educational assessment. In addition to the applications in the educational community, the systems developed by EDS have been sought out and utilized by a wide range of private and corporate clients. To meet the needs of the 1990's, Educational Data Systems has organized into three divisions: Administrative Software, Research and Evaluation and Educational Assessment.

## Administrative Software

Educational Data Systems' experience with administrative software services dates back to the 1970's. The planning module, ONPASS, is used widely across the nation with an installed customer base of approximately 100 school districts. In addition to supplying software, Educational Data Systems performs file initiation work for all ONPASS clients. Many clients also subscribe to an annual file maintenance service. DISPATCH, a school district transportation management software system, was developed in the early 1990's. It became fully operational under Microsoft Windows in the fall of 1994. Today, ONPASS and DISPATCH are part of a suite of fourteen software products called MasterPlan.

## Research and Evaluation

The Research and Evaluation Group has provided consulting services and developed customized assessment instruments for a wide variety of educational and corporate clients. Projects have ranged from Total Quality Management and customer satisfaction through School Improvement Program surveys, Chapter I selection instruments and academic proficiency tests.

## Educational Assessment

Educational Data Systems processes roughly 150 standardized test scoring contracts from 80-100 school districts in California and other states each year. This processing involves roughly 300,000 student tests, 2.5 million scanned pages and 1.5 million report pages printed. In 1994, Educational Data Systems was chosen by the California State Department of Education (CDE) to manage, process and analyze the collection of data for Chapter 1 federally funded programs for all schools statewide. EDS was also awarded the grade 5 California Learning Assessment System (CLAS) contract in the subject areas of History/Social Science and Science for the collecting, scoring and reporting of data for all schools. EDS was also awarded several research projects and scoring of Biology and Chemistry papers for the California Golden State Examination.

## To The Future

The rapid advances in computer systems, software development and information management continue to create new vistas for Educational Data Systems. With over 20 years of service to school districts, our goal remains the same: to provide school district administrators with innovative solutions for the education of America's children.
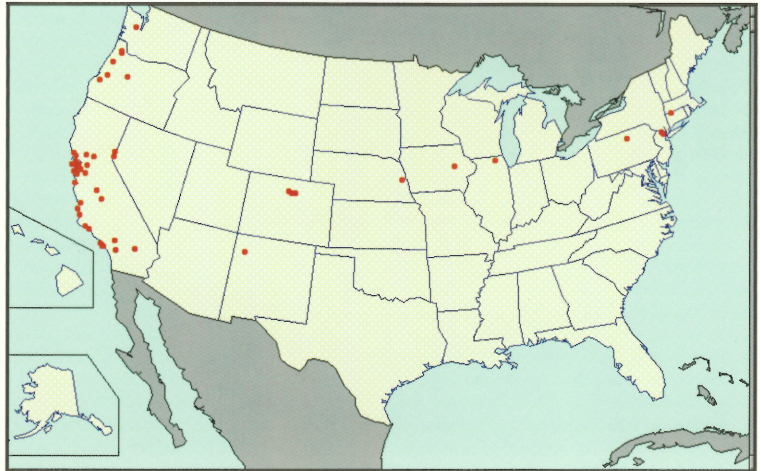
*"I have been using ONPASS for three years. During that time the district changed its school attendance boundaries for the first time in approximately 20 years. This was an action which literally involved the entire community. The program's ability to produce 'what if' after 'what if' scenarios over a six month period and the EDS staff's willingness to work with the district were invaluable in making the final determination. The program is an integral part of the critical planning that is engaged in by the district."*

TIM LARIN
BUSINESS MANAGER, DAVIS, CA

*"Although our district just recently purchased Educational Data Systems' Computer Simulation Assists Planning Program (ONPASS), it has already proven to be an extremely useful program for considering boundary changes within the district. I have been extremely delighted with the training and support provided by EDS's professional staff. Distance has not been a handicap. They are always accessible, willing to assist with even the smallest problems and provide a tremendous amount of support on how to use the various features of the program."*

WAYNE D. FAUSNAUGHT
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES
WILLIAMSPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, WILLIAMSPORT, PA

*"With over sixty schools to deal with, the job of redistricting was an almost impossible task that no one looked forward to. ONPASS has made this a very easy, manageable process. In a matter of hours we can simulate several alternative boundary changes and select the best one. I just couldn't do this kind of planning without ONPASS."*

DR. PAUL KILLIAN
WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, RENO, NEVADA

*"Folsom/Cordova School District has been using the ONPASS program since 1984 to do boundary studies for new school site planning and to create our school district street directory. Most importantly we depend on FORECAST, an ONPASS multivariate enrollment projection system, to project future student enrollment population trends. The system enables us to create projections for the next five years, twenty five years, or as many years as needed in just a matter of minutes instead of two weeks if done manually. Our school district has found ONPASS to be a very effective means of projecting student growth."*

HSIU-WEN SANCHUK
FOLSOM/CORDOVA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, FOLSOM, CA

*"Your programs, ONPASS, GIS and the Forecasting Module have been instrumental in giving us a variety of methods to both plan, predict and confirm growth patterns in our district. It has allowed us to break down some old barriers between city and educational jurisdictions and focus on the facts and patterns as we see them. GEOEDIT has given us some unique opportunities to create maps for a variety of governmental bodies which have in their own right stood the test of time and respect. I can only add that I look forward to a continued warm and professional relationship with Educational Data Systems and am excited about the new directions you are helping us move in."*

PATRICK K. MULLALEY
WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3JT, WEST LINN, OREGON