

# ND CLIMBS Orientation Webinar

March 4, 2025



**Congratulations!!**

# Welcome

## Key Contacts:

- **Taylor Olsen – Grant Coordinator**  
**State to LEA communication**
- **Brenda Ehrmantraut – Grant Administrator**  
**State to Federal communication**
- **Kayla Two Crow – Fiscal Admin**  
**WebGrants communication (amendments and claims)**

# Norms

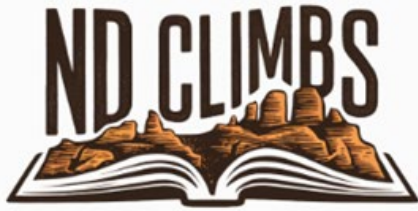
- **All questions will be answered at the end of the webinar**
- **Questions can be typed into the chat at any time**
- **Please wait to come off mute until the dedicated question time**

# Agenda

- **Introduction to ND CLIMBS**
  - Assurances and expectations
- **Welcome from BARR**
  - Contract next steps and conference information
- **WebGrants**
  - Budgeting, claiming, and reporting
- **Questions**

# Background

- **SRCL – 2017**
  - Tier 2 & 3 interventions
- **CLSD – 2019**
  - Tier 1 instruction and literacy coaching
- **ND CLIMBS – 2024**
  - Building systems and cohesive plans



**GOAL**  
STUDENT  
LITERACY  
PROFICIENCY

- Local Literacy Plan
- Educator Learning
- Principal Learning
- Systems Structuring

- Review & Refine Systems
- External Collaboration
- Family & Community Engagement
- Transition Plan

Instructional Pathways

Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum

Educator Learning  
Educator Professional Learning Networks

Principal Learning  
Principal Professional Learning Networks

Professional Development Plan

Building Assets, Reducing Risks (BARR)



# Assurances

- Prioritize disadvantaged children.
- Supplement, not supplant funding.
- Conduct a local needs assessment for the application process
- Cooperate and comply with state and national literacy evaluations, including responding appropriately to performance feedback and engaging in a continuous improvement process.
- The business manager will engage in grant process training and updates.
- Contract with Building Assets, Reducing Risks (BARR) for new or continuing services.
- Administer North Dakota Academic Progression of Learning & Understanding of Students (ND A+) interim assessments.
- Ensure a 75% or greater completion of educator biannual survey(s)
- Maintain administrative instructional leaders' (principal's) engagement in the network improvement community.
- Maintain educator participation in the networked improvement model.
- Establish and submit a complete professional development plan.
- Develop and demonstrate implementation of a Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum (GVC) by the start of school 2026-2027. Ensure the elimination of all resources and practices contrary to the Science of Reading.
- Develop and demonstrate implementation of an assessment and intervention pathway plan.
- Develop and demonstrate implementation of a family engagement plan.
- Develop and demonstrate implementation of a school transition plan.
- Submit annual review and reapplication documentation.
- Allocate reasonable funds for personnel, consulting contracts, supplies, professional development, travel, etc., according to the needs and goals outlined in the program narrative, and account for all grant requirements.



# ND A+

- **If your school hasn't already, they need to register for the ND A+ for next year**
- **Cannot replace your school's Dyslexia Screener**
- **For more information about ND A+ contact Kara Welk at: [kwelk@nd.gov](mailto:kwelk@nd.gov)**

# Year 1 – Establishing BARR

- **BARR will work with you to get a contract in place**
  - Wording about funding
- **Schedule year 1 Professional development**

# Year 2 - 4

- **Networks**
  - Leader
  - Educator
  
- **Literacy Plan sections**
  - Identifying Lead Teams

# Leader Expectations

## Year 1

- **BARR Leadership**  
Establish, engage and maintain staff expectations for BARR implementation
- **Leadership Confidence Survey** (2 x annually)
- **Network Groundwork** Collaborate with Network Improvement Contractor(s) to identify your building implementation support structure: Instructional Coaching, Peer Coaching, Other

## Year 2

- **BARR Leadership**
- **Leadership Confidence Survey** (2 x annually)
- **Leadership Network Improvement Engagement**
  - Achieve baseline literacy leadership professional learning
  - Monthly Network Engagement
    - Attend virtual meeting **or**
    - Complete asynchronous study

## Year 3 & 4

- **BARR Leadership / Site option**
- **Leadership Confidence Survey** (2 x annually)
- **Leadership Network Improvement Engagement**

# Educator Expectations

## Year 1

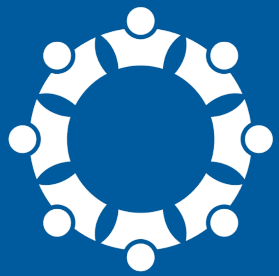
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## Year 2

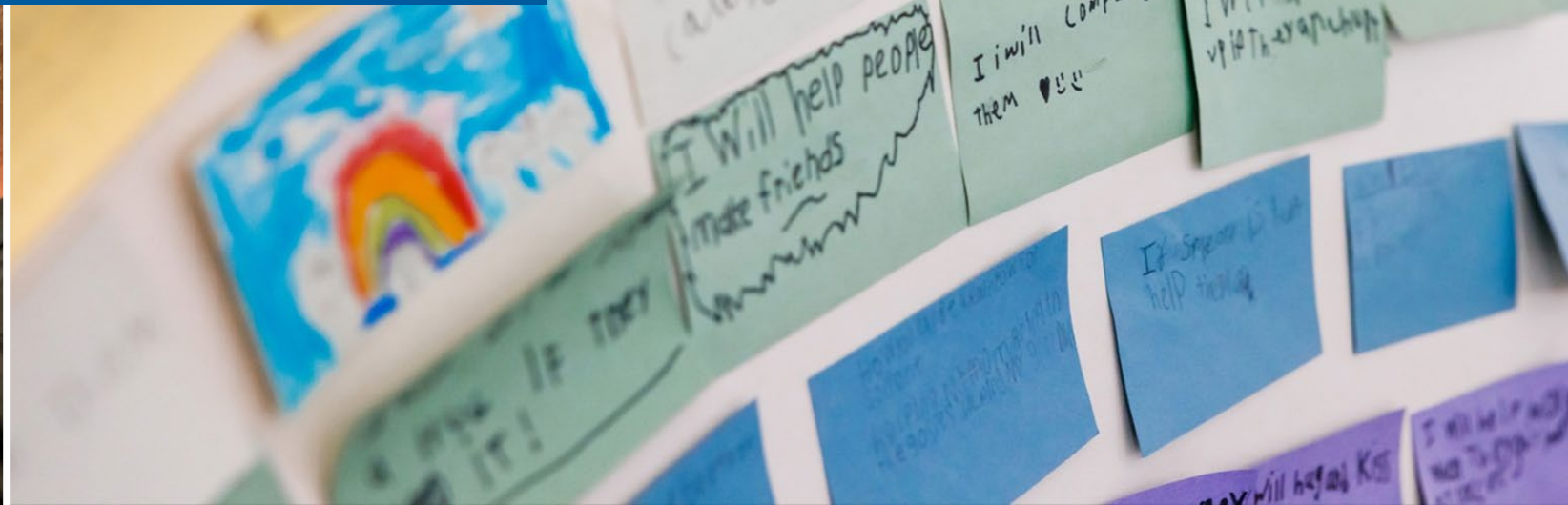
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- **Educator Network Improvement Engagement**



BUILDING ASSETS, REDUCING RISKS  
**BARR Introduction**



## BARR Center Contract Process

Sign and  
Return  
Contract

- Contract will be sent to district Superintendent.
- Contract must be signed and returned before beginning next steps.
- Participate in a Welcome Call with BARR team.

Choose Your  
Training  
Dates

- Interactive, two-day training for teachers, counselors, and administrators.
- Training dates can be selected after signed contract is returned.

Watch for  
BARR  
Materials

- BARR Implementation Guide, Classroom Lessons, and Training Manuals

Participate  
in Training!



Most likely to Change the World

# 2025 BARR National Conference

APRIL 23-24 | RANCHO MIRAGE, CALIFORNIA

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!



**PJ Fleck**  
Head Coach of the Minnesota Golden Gophers



**Annie Ray**  
2024 Grammy Educator Award Recipient



Initiative of Project UNITE, a nonprofit that promotes national unity and solidarity across differences

## Former Governors Panel



**Gov. Chet Culver**  
Former Governor of Iowa



**Gov. Susana Martinez**  
Former Governor of New Mexico



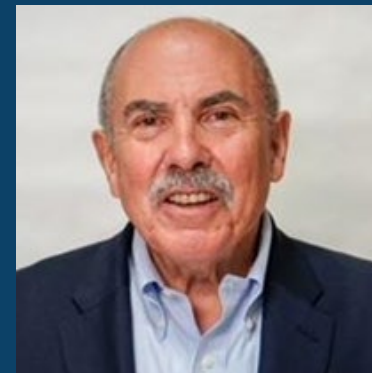
**José Muñoz**  
Pres. of the Education Commission of the States



**Kirsten Baesler**  
North Dakota Supt. of Public Instruction



**Pender Makin**  
Maine Commissioner of Education



**Gov. Bob Wise**  
Former Governor of West Virginia



**Gov. Jim Douglas**  
Former Governor of Vermont

Natl. and State Leaders in Education



# 2025 BARR National Conference

Sample  
Agenda

Visit <https://barrcenter.org/events/2025-barr-national-conference/> for a Sample Agenda and to complete registration.

Registration

Use code EEBM975 to register through March 31, 2025.

Book  
Your  
Hotel

Book a room at the Conference venue, the Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa.

# WebGrants

**Budgeting, Claiming, and Reporting**

# Getting Started

- Principals will need to have access to WebGrants for reporting
- Training for WebGrants is being created and will be available this summer for all business managers and building leaders
- Each school will have its own grant in WebGrants
- Grants will be made available by Friday, March 7, 2025

## General Information - Edit

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Grant Number\*: 56621

Grant Title\*: TEST

The Grant is only visible to the Grantee in Underway status.

Grant Status\*: Awarded

Award Year\*: 2025

Program Area: ND CLIMBS

Grantee Organization: ND Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI)

Grantee Contact\*: Taylor Olsen

Additional Grantee Contacts: Additional External

Program Officer\*: Taylor Olsen

Additional Internal Contacts: Additional Internal

Contract Dates: Contract Sent Contract Rece Contract Legal Contract Execi

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Project Dates: Start End

Project Start Project End

# Budgeting

- All budget updates will be done through the contract amendment process
- Conference budgeting needs to be submitted and approved by March 28, 2025

General Information - Amendment - Edit Save Form

Status\*:

Amendment Type\*:

Title\*:

# Budgeting – Things to keep in mind

- Decisions like how to budget for a coordinator and what training is needed in year 1 should come after initial BARR PD
- Money from year 1 can be carried into year 2 where the PD & training lift will be greater

# Claiming

- Claims need to be done on at least a quarterly basis
- 120-day rule applies
- Each claim will need to have a detailed ledger attached
- Anytime supplies is purchased, an invoice or receipts should be attached

## Coding:

Fund	Project Code	Instructional Organization	Program Code	Function	Source
01	119 ND Comprehensive Literacy Improvement through Measured Building Systems (ND CLIMBS)	*Please use the organizational code tied to the grantee school.	275 Other Federal Program	1000 Instruction	2024

**Ledger Coding Example: 01 – 119 – 000 – 275 – 1000 – Object Code – 2024**


# Reporting


## Yearly reports:

- Time and effort for BARR coordinator
- Reapplication report
  - Contents to be determined



# Where to submit reports

 **Additional Documentation** - Current Version [Negotiate Form](#) [Create New Version](#) [View Versions](#)

 **Additional Documents** - Other Attachments [Mark as Complete](#) [Add from Doc Repository](#) [Add New Attachment](#)

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# ❖ Questions?

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