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From: Amanda Peterson, Director, Educational Equity and Support

Date: November 5, 2020

RE: Distance Learning Plan Evaluation

In July, Governor Burgum signed [Executive Order 2020-38](#) that allowed for the continuation of distance learning in North Dakota. The order also requires the Department of Public Instruction to evaluate the implementation of distance learning occurring across the state to ensure continuity of education for all students. The results of these evaluations will be shared with each individual district and reported to the Governor.

The purpose of this memo is to notify your district that it has been selected to be reviewed and to clarify next steps.

In total, fifteen districts have been randomly selected to be reviewed for fidelity of implementation to their distance learning plans. A list of the fifteen districts, along with the NDDPI program staff assigned to review each district's implementation, is attached and will be posted on the NDDPI website at <https://www.nd.gov/dpi/district-distance-learning-plan>.

Attached is an evaluation tool that will be used as a guide for the review. Districts have the flexibility to document and demonstrate their implementation in ways that best meet their needs. These strategies may include, but are not limited to:

- Desk audit submissions
- Virtual class observations
- Recorded sessions
- Phone conversations

The district must have their materials submitted to their assigned reviewer by **November 30, 2020**.

A webinar has been scheduled to provide technical assistance on this process and answer your questions. Please use the MS Teams information below to log into the meeting.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Date: November 10th, 2020

Should you have questions, please contact [Amanda Peterson](#) or at 701-328-3545.