

# ESSA IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

March 12, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CT

MS Teams

**Facilitator:** Laurie Matzke

**Note Taker:** Kassie Schaff

## MINUTES

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**Welcome:** Superintendent Baesler welcomed the group.

**Updates/Overview of Day:** Assistant Superintendent Laurie Matzke started the meeting with a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of topics. Below are some of the highlights:

- Laurie Matzke started by recognizing this committee's contributions since 2015.
- Assessment updates with Stan Schauer such as current NDSA administration, Participation rate and NDA+.
- Student Engagement survey updates and recommended changes presented by Steve Snow.
- K-12 ND Teacher Retention research study findings shared by Sam Unruh with NDIT.
- Choice Ready and the four-year rolling plan component presentation by guest speaker Patrick Mineer with Compass/Golden Path Solutions.
- Strategy Maps requirement updates by Joe Kolosky.
- Accountability updates including pie chart provided by Amanda Peterson.
- Updates on Federal funding, teacher shortage initiatives and ESSER funding and deadlines.
- Next steps are to include 2024 accountability release, filling vacant ESSA committee spots and scheduling the fall 2024 committee meeting.

## PRESENTATIONS

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**Agenda Item:** Assessment Update

**Presenters:** Stan Schauer

**Discussion:**

Stan provided assessment updates on multiple testing windows. Discussed Federal Peer Reviews, participation rate monitoring and upcoming changes with ND A+. Lexile and Quantile Academy professional development available.

**Agenda Item:** Student Engagement

**Presenters:** Steve Snow

**Discussion:**

Steve discussed the student engagement survey background, resources available, and shared Elementary, Middle and High School data resulting from the surveys.

Schools have been requesting the ability to dig into student-level data to make informed decisions to improve engagement results. Steve Snow presented a proposal to the committee to make this available, so the results aren't anonymous but are still confidential and available in the STARS analytics and reporting portal. This idea had strong support from the committee and DPI will make this change going forward.

**Agenda Item:** K-12 ND Teacher Retention Study

**Presenter:** Sam Unruh, NDIT

**Discussion:**

Sam provided research data and information to illustrate the trend of teacher retention patterns and whether or not teachers are leaving the field for financial reasons. In summary, it showed on average that teachers are not necessarily leaving due to the allure of a much larger paycheck in North Dakota. Sam's research document will be included in the meeting follow-up email.

**Agenda Item:** Choice Ready

**Presenter:** Laurie Matzke and guest speaker - Patrick Mineer with Compass/Golden Path Solutions

**Discussion:**

Patrick Mineer presented work Golden Path Solutions is currently doing with schools and CTE for work-based learning, that process and how this could be a solution to help support the four-year rolling plan with Choice Ready and course forecasting. Patrick provided ideas and opportunities with future focus areas and additional development for all schools to participate in statewide.

Laurie Matzke recommended a small workgroup to come up with a plan regarding how to move forward with further aligning the four-year rolling plans within the compass platform. Laurie Matzke, Wayne Sick, Patrick Mineer, Jessica Brandt, and Maria Nessel, Luke Schafer, Jim Upgren, Lea Kugel, and Lisa Johnson will participate in this workgroup to brainstorm ideas to be brought back for feedback from this committee. Laurie will work to schedule a workgroup meeting in the next 4 weeks.

**Agenda Item:** Strategy Maps

**Presenter:** Joe Kolosky

**Discussion:**

Joe gave an overview of the components to continuous school improvement plans and strategy maps utilizing Cognia for the work surrounding this. Provided important information and deadlines. Discussed changes to reporting including more training, resources, and phases to reporting.

**Agenda Item:** Accountability

**Presenter:** Amanda Peterson

**Discussion:**

Amanda reviewed that the purpose of accountability is to improve internal processes and fine-tune data collection and analysis. She noted improvements and updates that have been made.

Amanda touched on the work happening with SB 2254 or the newly deemed ND FIRST (Fostering Improved Results for School Transformation) and provided definitions, discussed interventions, and additional requirements.

Assistant Superintendent Laurie Matzke and others made closing comments.

**Meeting adjourned: (11:40 AM)**