

Teacher & School Effectiveness Articles



ND Scholarships

October – December the Bank of North Dakota is hosting nine regional Crash Courses for parents and students grades 7-12. These events, held in the evening, provide families information on job opportunities, scholarships, college planning and financial aid. DPI provides information at these events on both the N.D. Academic Scholarship and Career and Technical Education Scholarship requirements and opportunities.

http://banknd.nd.gov/collegeplanning/middle_school_student/preparing_for_college/crash_course.html

AdvancED Reviews

There are 26 schools and four system AdvancED reviews scheduled for this school year. A DPI staff member will be visiting these sites unofficially participate in portions of the review and to also assure that:

- appropriate and effective library media services are provided for all students;
- appropriate and effective counseling services are provided for all students; and
- a comprehensive education program is provided to all students to include elective areas such as Fine Arts (music).

These three areas are not looked at through the AdvancED review process but are part of DPI's annual assurances.

North Dakota Civics

Many schools are looking at how to meet the new ND Civics test requirement. The State has provided a good deal of flexibility in doing this. Be sure to reference the FAQ document on the DPI website for more information:

<https://www.nd.gov/dpi/Administrators/TSE/FAQ/ndcivics/> or call us at: (701) 328-2755.

Superintendent Baesler's Student Cabinet

Superintendent Baesler's Student Cabinet met on October 30th. Their meeting was held at the same location where the School Board's Association was hosting their conference and were able to attend part of the NDSBA meetings. The students listened to the keynote by Dr. Jean Twenge sharing information from her book "Generation Me." Student cabinet members provided a panel presentation at the conference giving school board members some of their perspectives on education. The twenty North Dakota students that make up the cabinet can be found at:

<https://www.nd.gov/dpi/about/StudentCabinet/members/> The cabinet will meet again after the first of the year.

North Dakota Teacher Recruitment and Retention Task Force

The Recruitment and Retention Task Force met for the third time on September 17, 2015, looking at a couple objectives:

- Discuss NDSBA marketing campaign and consider opportunities to collaborate and build on it
- Develop an action plan to determine long-term educator recruitment solutions
- Bring to the table data that might be relevant to the conversation/work.

The task force will continue its' work on November 19th when it meets to:

- Learn about the website development subcommittee progress
- Review data collected based on the Meeting #3 action plan
- Develop data-informed, long term recruitment solutions.