

NORTH DAKOTA STATE ASSESSMENT TASK FORCE



NOVEMBER 5, 2015

Overview of the Day



- **Opening Comments – Superintendent Baesler & Rick Melmer**
- **Review of agenda & objectives for the day**
- **"A View from the Field" – Panel Discussion on Assessment in North Dakota (Q & A to follow)**
- **LUNCH – on your own**
- **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Presentation – Tony Alpert**
- **Assessment Solutions Group (ASG) Presentation**
- **Wrap-up & Next Steps**

Task Force Objectives

- **Develop foundational knowledge of assessment**
- **Review past and current ND assessment practices**
- **Understand national assessment initiatives**
- **Develop recommendations for K – 12 assessment practices in North Dakota**
- **Submit recommendations to NDDPI for consideration**

Task Force Information

- **Notes posted on the Portal**
- **All presentations posted on the portal**
- **Meetings are held in public, but are not public meetings**
- **Attendance and participation is important and appreciated**
- **Focus on issues that will address Task Force objectives**

Feedback from 10.6.15 Task Force Meeting

- Purpose, use and value of assessments (Panel)
- Hear from teachers & other educators (Panel)
- SBAC Questions (SBAC Presentation)
- Timeline & Budget (ASG Presentation)
- Summary of vendors (ASG Presentation)
- Build vs. Buy vs. Hybrid (ASG Presentation)
- Hear from other states (December mtg?)
- Assessment & the Federal Govt. (Update – December mtg?)

ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK

- Revisit key question(s) that must be answered by Task Force (December mtg?)
- Other types of assessments used by other states (December mtg?)
- Move beyond "storming" and begin norming and forming the Task Force recommendation
- Determine timeline for Task Force recommendation (December mtg)

Wrap-Up & Next Steps

- **Small group discussion**
 - Overall reaction to the day:
 - ✦ What information was most helpful?
 - ✦ What questions do you have that can be answered at future Task Force meetings?
 - Suggested agenda items for the December 8 Task Force meeting
 - Discuss plans for Task Force meetings in 2016

 - SAFE TRAVELS AND THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE!