



The ND ExcELLing Educator

North Dakota ELL Newsletter

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General Information

- ◆ **ACCESS 2.0 Score Report Guidance:** WIDA provides great information regarding [score reports](#) including a WebEx.
- ◆ **ACCESS 2.0 2nd Test Window:** The second test window is now open for students who are not in our schools during ACCESS testing.
- ◆ **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA):** The [ESSA Regional Workshop](#) sessions were recorded and get the latest information and updates regarding ESSA on the NDDPI websites.
- ◆ **Early Years Focus on Bulletin Part 5:** The WIDA Early Years Focus Bulletin highlights some ways that practitioners in high quality ECE programs acknowledge what each child knows and can do, while intentionally building connections to new literacy experiences.
- ◆ **Check Out WIDA Blog:** The WIDA Blog is a place for discussions about topics of interest to ELL/DLL educators.

Professional Development

- ◆ **New Educator Resource Available:** WIDA is pleased to announce the online learning module, Take Action for ELLs: Foundational Concepts, is now available on the WIDA website which covers three topics:
Topic 1: Building Awareness of Your ELLs
Topic 2: Use of Language for Academic Purposes
Topic 3: Integrating Content and Language
- ◆ **Academy—WIDA ELD Standards and Assessment System for Administrators:** Extend your capacity as an instructional leader of teachers supporting students of different linguistic, racial, and cultural backgrounds. Registration is now open for the [WIDA ELD Standards and Assessment for Administrators](#).

Good Reads

- ◆ [One to Grow On/If I Were an ELL](#)
By Carol Ann Tomlinson
- ◆ [A Whole-School Approach to English Learners](#)
By Margarita Calderón
- ◆ [Ten \(Usually Wrong\) Ideas About ELLs](#)
By Barbara Gottschalk

2016 NDDPI Fall Educators' Conference



October 12-14, 2016
Bismarck Event Center

Program Spotlight Minot Multicultural Festival



[Registration Now Open for WIDA 2016 National Conference!](#)

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