



The ND ExcELLing Educator

North Dakota ELL Newsletter

March 2016

General Information

- ◆ **ACCESS 2.0:** The ACCESS 2.0 is now complete and districts have shipped the last of their materials to DRC. I would like to commend North Dakota ELL and technology professionals! It was remarkable to witness your perseverance through the challenges to ensure the students participated in this testing experience.
- ◆ **ACCESS 2.0 Data Validation Webinars:** WIDA and DRC will host [data validation webinars](#) this week.
 - Wednesday, March 23, 1-2pm
 - Friday, March 25, 2-3pm
- ◆ **K-12 Can Do Descriptors, Key Uses Edition:** An [overview webinar](#) is now available through WIDA.
- ◆ **Second Test Window:** The second test window will be open for students who are not in our schools during ACCESS testing. If you would like more information, check out the [ACCESS 2.0](#) link on the ELL website.
- ◆ **Title III/ELL Monitoring:** The NDDPI monitoring team visited districts of the Great North West Education Cooperative in February. Districts included McKenzie County, Tioga, Stanley, and Mandaree. The teams enjoyed those visits and meeting the wonderful staff and students in the schools!

Early English Language Development

The NDDPI ELL program is expanding and now working in collaboration with Early Childhood Education to bring resources and technical assistance to educators of dual language learners.

- ◆ **[WIDA Focus on The Early Years:](#)** Bulletins from WIDA with information and resources on dual language learners.
- ◆ **[Early English Language Development \(E-ELD\) Standards:](#)** WIDA has released the E-ELD standards.

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Professional Development

- ◆ **Training for Classroom Teachers:** Check out [Colorin'Colorado](#) and their many video presentations on various topics.
- ◆ **[Early Language Development Webinar Series:](#)** Find varied topics regarding the Early Language Development Standards.
- ◆ **[WIDA AMS Module](#)** – Accessing Score Reports: Be prepared for ACCESS scores.



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SAVE THE DATE:

2016 Building Bridges Conference

Hope Renewed: *A Chance to Thrive*

April 13-14, 2016

Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center—Fargo, ND

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

- ◆ **The Title III Section can be found at [www.nd.gov/dpi/SchoolStaff/IME/Programs Initiatives/ELL/guidance/](http://www.nd.gov/dpi/SchoolStaff/IME/Programs_Initiatives/ELL_guidance/).**
- ◆ **Watch for upcoming information regarding when, how, and what changes will take place.**

APRIL 7
Cambria Hotel
West Fargo

APRIL 12
Grand Hotel
Minot

APRIL 13
Baymont Inn
Mandan

2016 NDDPI Fall Educators' Conference



October 12-14, 2016
Bismarck Event Center

Program Spotlight

West Fargo ELL Afterschool Sports and Activity Clubs

