

# NORTH DAKOTA STATE ASSESSMENT TASK FORCE



**DECEMBER 21, 2015**

## Overview of the Day



- **Pre-Meeting Conversation (8:00 – 9:00 am)**
- **Welcome – Superintendent Baesler**
- **Review of agenda & objectives for the day**
- **Input from other states**
  - New Hampshire – Competency Based Education
  - Alabama – ACT Suite and HS assessment
- **ASG Summary of Assessments (40 state survey)**
- **LUNCH – on your own**
- **Small Group Work – Input for Assessment RFP**
- **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 ND DPI 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**

## Schedule of Future Task Force Meetings

- **January 15, 2016**
- **March 15, 2016**
- **May 11, 2016**

## Small Group Activity

- **First three meetings – gathering information – foundational knowledge of assessment**
- **Purpose of small group activity**
  - Determine areas of consistency & differences
  - Determine areas in need of further study or conversation
  - Begin to build recommendations for Assessment RFP
- **Key areas of discussion include:**
  - Grade 3 – 8 Assessment (Areas & item types)
  - HS Assessment (Content and type of assessments)
  - Build/Buy/Hybrid
  - Basic RFP guidelines

## Small Group Activity

- **Groups are designed to provide cross-pollinated discussions**
- **Information is available**
  - ECS Study and slides from ASG Presentation
  - Information you have from past meetings
  - Information you have learned from your work/experiences
- **Activity is designed to be a START – not a one time event. All areas will be revisited during future meetings**

## Small Group Activity Schedule

- **Small Groups Begin – 1:30 pm**
  - Chose recorder – timer – reporter
- **Small Group Report Outs – 3:00 pm**
  - Each Group reports on recommendations in six areas
  - Use Worksheet as guide
  - Write report out information on presentation cards – post prior to presentation
  - Each small group report – 5 – 7 minutes

## Wrap-up & Next Steps

- **Final thoughts on today's meeting?**
- **Next meeting – January 15, 2016**
  - Suggested agenda items and topics for discussion
- **Safe travels and Happy Holidays!!!**