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To: Administrators
From: Gail Schauer, Director
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Date: June 27, 2016
Re: Webinar on Achieve Student Assessment Inventory
Tuesday, July 19, 2016
3:30pm-4:30pm (CST)

Across the country, educators, parents and students are saying there is too much testing in our schools and testing takes valuable time away from teaching and learning. These concerns are legitimate and merit attention.

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) recognizes the need for school districts to streamline their student assessments while ensuring they have the most relevant data to drive student learning. The NDDPI has been communicating with Jacob Mishook, Associate Director at Achieve, regarding district assessment audits. Jacob has agreed to assist North Dakota in preparing for assessment audits.

Thus, the NDDPI is pleased to announce an opportunity for schools to participate in a pilot program using the following tool from Achieve: [Students Assessment Inventory for School Districts](#). A one-hour webinar, with Jacob Mishook presenting, will be held July 19, 2016 from 3:30pm-4:30pm for all interested districts. The webinar will provide an overview of the initiative; discuss the benefits of a district assessment inventory for schools, staff, and students; describe how to create an audit team; and outline the four-stage process of implementing the Students Assessment Inventory for School Districts. The four-stage process focus areas are: Reflect and Plan, Conduct the Inventory, Analyze the Inventory, and Make Recommendations.

After the webinar, schools will be invited to complete and submit an application to NDDPI to become a pilot district in implementing the Students Assessment Inventory for School Districts. Selected districts will attend a one-day, in-depth secondary training sometime in August or September which will cover additional details in understanding how to implement this pilot program. The NDDPI has funds to assist in this endeavor (i.e., to cover stipends, travel expenses for training).

More information on how to access the webinar is located on Teacher and School Effectiveness website under Correspondence at <https://www.nd.gov/dpi/SchoolStaff/TSE/initiatives/achieve/>. The instructions on joining the webinar is provided below. For those who are unable to attend, this webinar will be recorded and posted on the department's website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at gschauer@nd.gov or (701) 328-2755.

Instructions for joining the Achieve Student Assessment Inventory Webinar are below.

Please join me in an Adobe Connect Meeting.

Meeting Name: North Dakota Achieve Student Assessment Inventory Webinar

Invited By: [Patty Carmichael](#)

When: 07/19/2016 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM (CDT)

Audio Conference Details:

MeetingOne Conference Room Number: 6662790

URL to additional access numbers: http://www.meetingone.com/Access_Phone_Numbers

Conference Number(s):

United States: +18008320736

To join the meeting:

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