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To: Administrators  
From: Gail Schauer, Director  
Office of Teacher and School Effectiveness  
Date: June 20, 2016  
RE: Competency-Based Education Update

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**SAVE THE DATES!**

CBE Webinar Monday, June 27, 2016 from 3pm-4pm (CST)  
CBE All-Day Training Monday, August 15

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) is excited to share that there has been an overwhelming amount of interest from schools and districts in the implementation of Competency-Based Education (CBE). CBE is a system where students advance to higher levels of learning after demonstrating mastery of concepts and skills. Students pass from one level to another based on mastery of skills rather than time spent in a classroom. The NDDPI encourages and supports educators to explore ideas of CBE and how their schools/districts could implement CBE.

CBE enables personalized learning to provide flexibility and supports to students to ensure mastery of the highest standards possible. The new ESSA law brings new opportunities for states, districts, and schools to implement more flexible and innovative activities. There is no doubt that CBE (or other terminology - personalized learning, standards based learning) will be part of the discussion of the future. The NDDPI is looking specifically for districts that would be interested in serving as a pilot to implement a CBE model. The districts would be responsible for creating a CBE team, sending the team members to a one-day August meeting, developing a work plan, and implementing their plan. The NDDPI's role will be to provide support and assist in reducing any barriers.

The one-hour webinar scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2016 from 3:00pm-4:00pm (CST) will provide an overview of CBE ideas and thoughts. For those schools/districts willing to put together a team and beginning planning, a one-day training on CBE will be held on August 15, 2016 to go more in depth and assist with a school CBE work plan.

More information on how to access the webinar and register for the August training will be posted in the next couple of days on the [Teacher and School Effectiveness](http://www.nd.gov/dpi/SchoolStaff/TSE/Correspondence) website under Correspondence at <https://www.nd.gov/dpi/SchoolStaff/TSE/Correspondence>. The webinar information is also provided below. The webinar will be recorded and posted on the NDDPI website for those who are unable to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Gail Schauer, Director in the Office of Teacher and School Effectiveness, at [gschauer@nd.gov](mailto:gschauer@nd.gov) or (701) 328-2755.

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Please join me in an Adobe Connect Meeting.

Meeting Name: Competency-Based Education Webinar

Invited By: Patty Carmichael ([pcarmichael@nd.gov](mailto:pcarmichael@nd.gov))

When: Monday, June 27, 03:00 PM - 04:00 PM

Time Zone: (GMT-06:00) Central Time

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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