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TO: Administrators

FROM: Laurie Matzke, Assistant Superintendent
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RE: AYP–Program Improvement Decision

Last week, the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) held two webinars to outline a new opportunity available to North Dakota regarding the 2015-2016 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reporting and the ramifications for program improvement based on the 2016 North Dakota State Assessment.

The NDDPI recorded the webinars. If you were unable to attend one of the two webinars and would like to access the recording, it is available at https://nddpi.adobeconnect.com/p1rvpu5ygf/?OWASP_CSRFTOKEN=8edf3f834c5668c2f7859c68072bc6f3a1446b14848542c8b44e40fb10521eff.

Our decision regarding this issue will have broad implications for all North Dakota schools and districts, and we want your feedback. Attached to this correspondence, you will find a chart outlining the two options available and what each option would look like for schools and districts in North Dakota. The NDDPI needs to make a decision soon as to whether we will:

OPTION 1: Generate AYP reports for all schools and districts based on the 2016 ND State Assessment and have schools and districts proceed through the improvement process for the 2016-2017 school year.

OPTION 2: Not generate AYP reports for schools and districts based on the 2016 North Dakota State Assessment and freeze Program Improvement for the 2016-2017 school year.

Whatever decision the state makes will apply consistently to all schools and districts for the 2016-2017 school year.

We are asking administrators to take a brief survey and indicate your choice for moving forward on this issue. The survey can be accessed at www.surveymonkey.com/r/AYPDecision.

If you have questions, please contact me at lmatzke@nd.gov or (701) 328-2284.

AYP–Program Improvement Options

<u>OPTION 1</u> Proceed as Planned	<u>OPTION 2</u> Freeze AYP and Program Improvement
2015-2016 North Dakota State Assessment results count for accountability and program improvement for the 2016-2017 school year.	2015-2016 North Dakota State Assessment results not counted for accountability and program improvement for the 2016-2017 school year.
AYP reports generated on the 2015-2016 North Dakota State Assessment and tentatively disseminated in August, 2016.	No AYP reports generated on 2015-2016 North Dakota State Assessment.
Historically, AYP based on a three-year average; no AYP report results available for 2014-2015 school year data. Three-year average would need to be recalibrated removing 2014-2015 data.	No AYP reports generated.
Possibility exists for schools and districts to exit program improvement status. However keep in mind: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SmarterBalanced is a more rigorous and better aligned assessment ✓ 100% proficiency required ✓ AYP must be met at composite and subgroup levels for both subjects in all areas 	Current schools and districts frozen in program improvement for 2016-2017 school year.
AYP parent letters generated by schools and districts/reviewed by NDDPI and disseminated to parents in September.	No AYP parent letter required as no AYP reports generated.
Schools and districts in improvement set-aside 10% for professional development.	Schools and districts in improvement set-aside 10% for professional development.
Program improvement plans/corrective action/alternative governance documents for any schools or districts moving to a new category on the program improvement timeline due to NDDPI in August/September.	No new program improvement plans/corrective action/alternative governance documents due to NDDPI–program improvement frozen–all prior year documents utilized.
Applications for additional program improvement funding due in September after we know program improvement results.	Applications for additional program improvement funding approved in June so implementation begins in July 2016.
No School Choice or supplemental education services required, must document alternate services on consolidated application.	No School Choice or supplemental education services required, must document alternate services on consolidated application.
NDDPI must still generate report cards/profiles and notify parents.	NDDPI must still generate report cards/profiles and notify parents.
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