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Dear Parents/Guardians:

North Dakotans have always been extremely proud of our state's educational system and our high academic achievement. Part of this success, I believe, derives from our dedication to pursuing high academic standards for all of our students. At the same time, we also realize there is always room for improvement.

With this in mind, on February 10, 2015, I announced statewide the formation of a State Superintendent's Student Cabinet. The purpose of this Cabinet is to provide a forum for our North Dakota student voices to be heard. It is my hope that by providing a forum to hear the concerns, opinions, and ideas of our youth, we can use this opportunity to improve the educational opportunities for all students in North Dakota.

Up to 18 North Dakota students in grades 4-12 will be selected for the Cabinet. These students will represent the diverse backgrounds, cultures, and experiences of students enrolled in public or private schools across the state.

If your child is interested in pursuing this opportunity, log on to www.dpi.state.nd.us under "Headings" to access the following documents:

- New Release
- Informational Handout
- Student Cabinet Application

The deadline for submission of applications for the 2014-2016 Cabinet is March 10, 2015, by 5:00 pm CST. All applicants will be notified in writing whether or not they are selected to be a member of the 2014-2016 State Superintendent's Student Cabinet by March 31, 2015.

In order to be eligible, students must be willing and able to travel to Bismarck or alternate locations for meetings and have an available adult to chaperone them. Selected members will be reimbursed for travel expenses to attend scheduled meetings. In addition to the parent/guardian signature, the application also requires the signature of a school building principal, a teacher, or the counselor.

Any questions related to this notification should be directed to Lynette Norbeck, North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, at dpi@nd.gov or (701) 328-4572.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kirsten Baesler".

Kirsten Baesler
State Superintendent