



# The ND ExcELLing Educator

North Dakota ELL Newsletter

July 2015

## Professional Development

- ◆ **New ELL/Title I Teacher Training:** August 27, 2015 at the Baymont Inn and Suites–Mandan; register at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/G6X9TYM](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G6X9TYM)
- ◆ **WIDA Test Administrator Training for new ELL Teachers:** August 26, 2015 at the Baymont Inn and Suites–Mandan; watch the new website for registration.
- ◆ **WIDA 2015 National Conference:** October 15-17, 2015 in Las Vegas, NV; for more information or to register, go to <http://widaconference.us>
- ◆ **WIDA Data Analysis - Focus on Schools and Districts:** December 1-2, 2015 in Bismarck, ND at the Radisson Hotel, watch for registration information
- ◆ **ACCESS 2.0 Testing:**  
Training modules for current test coordinators, administrators, and technology coordinators are available at [www.wida.us/access\\_2.0](http://www.wida.us/access_2.0)

## ELL Reminders

- ◆ NDDPI has received the ACCESS for ELLs® Test results
  - \* The non-participation report should be opened in the next few days. Please indicate the reason code for enrolled ELL students who have not participated in the ACCESS for ELLs® assessment.
- ◆ ACCESS Test Scores: Review student results
  - \* **EXITED STUDENTS:** (students meeting exit requirements) parent notification, prepare monitoring folder.
  - \* **NON-EXITING STUDENTS:** Gather list of students for ILPs, disseminate parent and teacher reports.

## General Information:

- ◆ NDDPI Website is NEW AND IMPROVED!! The new website is active as of July 15! Visit the ND ExcELLing Educator on the new website.
- ◆ Corey Mitchell writes about states seeking more flexibility for ELLs: <http://tinyurl.com/ohjvtva>
- ◆ Schools should have received sets if Title III/ELL headphones for the upcoming ACCESS 2.0 testing. The numbers districts/schools received were based on ELL student counts from the 2014-2015 school year.
- ◆ Title III final allocations information will be sent to your district authorized representative. Be sure all Title III consortia members discuss how the funds will be spent prior to submitting the Consolidated Application.
- ◆ WIDA is excited to introduce a couple of Early Learning resources:
  - \* Learning Language Every Day! An Activity Calendar for Children Ages 2.5-5.5 Years and their Families!
  - \* The Early Years Focus Bulletin series now available at the WIDA Store [www.wceps.org/store/wida](http://www.wceps.org/store/wida)



## Call for Proposals

2015 Closer Connections Conference  
November 8–9, 2015

Holiday Inn City Centre, Sioux Falls, SD

Please download the application to present at the Closer Connections Conference from the following link <http://tinyurl.com/pg8ag3j>

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If you have an ELL event or resources to include in the newsletter, please send to Lodee Arnold for consideration.