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North Dakota School Approvals Completed For 2015-16

BISMARCK, N.D., Oct. 29, 2015 – School Superintendent Kirsten Baesler announced Thursday that the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction has published its annual compliance report for the 2015-16 school year. It lists schools that meet state legal requirements.

State law requires all North Dakota schools to submit an annual compliance report to the Department of Public Instruction, said Dr. Tamara Bauck, director of the department's teacher and school effectiveness unit. The deadline was Oct. 15.

Lists of approved and non-approved schools can be found here:

<https://www.nd.gov/dpi/Administrators/TSE/approval/>

Prior to the 2011 Legislative session, a school's foundation aid payment for state funding depended on meeting criteria of school accreditation. As of July 1, 2011, this is no longer the case. Funding is now tied to six elements of approval. The information provided in the submission of the school's Annual Compliance Report verifies that the school has satisfied all approval requirements. Schools must be approved to be eligible for state funding.

In the report, each school's administrator attests that the school is complying with legal requirements, which include:

- All teachers are licensed or approved to teach;
- All teachers are teaching in only the areas in which they are licensed to teach;
- The school meets curricular requirements identified in law;
- The school meets safety requirements, as determined by the state fire marshal;
- All individuals hired after July 1 who have unsupervised contact with students have undergone a criminal history background check; and
- The school participates in and meets the requirements of a review process. (Public schools only)

For more information, contact Dr. Tamara Bauck, director of the DPI's teacher and school effectiveness unit, at (701) 328-2755 or tbauck@nd.gov.

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