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MEMO TO: North Dakota Educators and General Public
FROM: Kirsten Baesler, State Superintendent
DATE: March 24, 2016
SUBJECT: North Dakota Waiver Application Request
Memorandum of Public Notification

On behalf of the State of North Dakota, the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction will submit a waiver application request, specified below, to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) regarding section 1111(b)(3)(C)(ii) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB).

- Request to waive measuring and reporting, for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years, certain content included in the speaking and listening strand of the *North Dakota English Language Arts/Literacy Content Standards* that is not otherwise currently assessed by the State.

The USDE requires states to provide all districts and interested parties in the state with notice and a reasonable opportunity to comment on this waiver request. We are providing this notice via email to the Department's educator distribution lists and posting the waiver application on the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction's public website. Any public comments must be submitted prior to the close of business Friday, April 8, 2016. The Department of Public Instruction will submit any final waiver application prior to April 22, 2016.

To review an electronic copy of this waiver request, refer to
https://www.nd.gov/dpi/uploads/1286/ESEAWaiver03_22_16.pdf.

Please submit any written comments regarding this waiver application on the survey provided at the following
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NDslwaiver>. Thank you for your attention to this matter.