



# Title I News

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## IN THE NEWS

### Title I Regional Workshops

The State Title I office is traveling throughout the state to conduct informational workshops for Title I educators. They are scheduled for Mandan on April 7, Minot on April 10, and Fargo on April 14, 2003.

At these workshops, the Title I staff plan to update all Title I personnel on the issues of the *No Child Left Behind* Act, Title I requirements, revised Title I credentials, etc. These workshops are geared for both targeted assistance and schoolwide Title I programs.

It is not too late to register for one of these workshops. For more information or details on any of these workshops, please contact Mary Neigum in the Title I office, or refer to the Title I website. Information can be found at: <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/events.shtm>.

### North Dakota Approved for a Reading First Grant

On February 24, 2003, Governor John Hoeven announced that North Dakota would receive a \$2.1 million grant to implement the Reading First program. Reading First is a program to help school districts improve student achievement in reading through application of scientifically-based reading research to ensure that all children read at or above grade level by the end of the third grade.

Approximately 20 eligible school districts will be awarded sub-grants through these funds. These sub-grants will allow schools to implement research-based reading programs for students in kindergarten through third grade. These sub-grants will also ensure that all teachers have the skills and training they need to teach these programs effectively.

For more information about North Dakota Reading First, please contact Gail Burkett at 701-328-2285, [gburkett@state.nd.us](mailto:gburkett@state.nd.us), or log on to <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/reading/index.shtm> to access the Reading First website.

### Research-Based Documents Available

As a part of the *No Child Left Behind* Act, many new reforms and concepts are sweeping across our educational systems. One concept is for schools to use and implement programs and practices based on scientific research. This is more commonly known as Scientifically-Based Research (SBR).

Inspired by the *No Child Left Behind* Act, the State Title I office is pleased to provide Title I teachers and other school personnel with several research-based documents.

SBR reading documents are available online at: <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/resource/readinit.shtm> and an SBR mathematics document is available online at: <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/resource/mathinit.shtm>.

by Laurie Matzke, State Title I Director

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It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of another school year. This past year has literally flown by. It is obviously a very busy time for all those who work in education.

North Dakota submitted our state plan regarding Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) to the U.S. Department of Education on January 31, 2003. The feedback that we have received is very favorable and we are hoping to have an approved plan this month.

The North Dakota legislative assembly is still in session. There are still a few critical bills that need to come to closure. In particular, HB 1489 regarding teacher qualifications to meet *NCLB* and SB 2154 which is the school funding bill. To stay current on the legislative bills impacting education, visit the Title I legislative update website at: <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/legislate/index.shtm>.

I will be attending the International Reading Convention in May. We will have a national Title I Directors' meeting where we will receive updates on *NCLB* as well as other critical Title I issues. I will share any new information that I receive in the June issue of this newsletter.

Finally, we are finishing preparations for our Title I regional workshops. We will be updating school personnel on a variety of issues. I hope to see you all there!

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## 2002-2003 Distinguished Graduates

Each year, the U.S. Department of Education, in conjunction with the National Association of State Title I Directors, recognizes "Distinguished Graduates" from each state. Title I Distinguished Graduates are high school graduates who have participated in a Title I program during their school career and can attest that it made a difference in their lives.

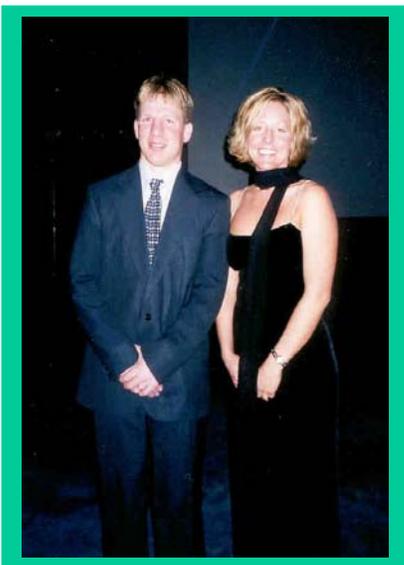
The purpose of the program is to recognize and honor Title I Distinguished Graduates for their accomplishments.

This year's distinguished graduates are Nerissa Zink from Carrington, ND and Dan Engeland from Rugby, ND.

Nerissa is currently an elementary teacher in Reno, NV and Dan is the chief photographer at KMOT-TV in Minot, ND.

Congratulations go out to the two North Dakota Distinguished Graduates who were honored at the 2003 National Title I Conference.

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**Distinguished Graduates**  
**Dan Engeland and**  
**Nerissa Zink**

## North Dakota Title I Distinguished School

The State Title I office had five schools compete for the Title I Distinguished School Recognition program. Due to their high scores in reading and mathematics, our Committee of Practitioners selected the winner of this competition to be Mott Elementary School. Mott Elementary School will be honored at the International Reading Association (IRA) Convention in May, 2003.

If you are interested in attending the IRA, information and registration forms are available on the Title I website, as well as the IRA website at [www.ira.org](http://www.ira.org).

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Title I Regional Workshops

- ❖ April 7, 2003 Mandan, ND Best Western Seven Seas
- ❖ April 10, 2003 Minot, ND Holiday Inn
- ❖ April 14, 2003 Fargo, ND Ramada Plaza Suites

Conference and registration information: <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/events.shtm>

## International Reading Association (IRA)

- ❖ May 4-8, 2003 Orlando, FL

Conference and registration information: <http://www.reading.org/2003>

## Title I Math Summer Institute

- ❖ June 16-17, 2003 Mandan, ND Best Western Seven Seas  
(tentatively)

Conference and registration information: <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/events.shtm>

## Title I Reading Summer Institute

- ❖ July 17-18, 2003 Mandan, ND Best Western Seven Seas

Conference and registration information: <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/events.shtm>

## Title I Fall Conference

- ❖ October 15-17, 2003 Bismarck, ND Best Western Ramkota Hotel

Conference and registration information: <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/events.shtm>



## Web Resources

### Interactive Educational Games for Students

- ❖ <http://www.funbrain.com>
- ❖ <http://www.funschool.com>
- ❖ <http://www.eduplace.com>
- ❖ <http://www.netrover.com/~kingskid>
- ❖ <http://www.kidsdomain.com>
- ❖ <http://www.prongo.com>
- ❖ <http://www.primarygames.com>
- ❖ <http://www.learningplanet.com>
- ❖ <http://www.starfall.com>
- ❖ <http://www.ezschool.com/kidspage.html>

