



# Title I News

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## Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Update

The State of North Dakota has received the official March 2003 state assessment results from CTB, our assessment contractor. In addition, school personnel have received composite information for each school building in the district. The Department must now disaggregate the information and create an AYP report for each school building in the state. This AYP report will bottom line whether the school met AYP for the 2002-2003 school year.

The Department is requesting that school districts review and validate demographic and special codes data that was submitted for the March 2003 state assessment. Each school district received a memo and an instructions document via e-mail from the State Assessment office in the Department of Public Instruction. The validated data must be submitted to the department no later than August 15, 2003.

The Department will issue **initial** Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports for all schools in the state the second week in August. Any school identified as not having met AYP will enter into an automatic appeal process. This process also entails an additional review of the data to correct and validate any errant information that may affect a school’s AYP status.

Following the completion of appeals and the cleanup phase, the Department will issue the final statewide AYP reports for all schools in the state.

Please note that all schools are required by law to share and disseminate this information to parents and community members. Sample letters are available at: [www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/general/reauthoriz/index.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/general/reauthoriz/index.shtm).

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## DIBELS Training Institute – Reading First

The State Title I office, Reading First Program, is sponsoring a *Training Trainers on DIBELS* (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) on August 13 – 15, 2003. The DIBELS is a set of standardized, individually

administered measures of early literacy development. This assessment is designed to be short (one-minute) measure used to regularly monitor the development of pre-reading and early reading skills. The DIBELS measures phonemic awareness, phonics, and fluency.

This three-day workshop will train individuals on the DIBELS and provide the participants with guidance on how to train others. The DIBELS is one of the required outcome assessments for all North Dakota Reading First schools.

You do not have to be a teacher in a school that received a Reading First grant to attend this training.

Anyone who is interested is encouraged to contact Gail Burkett at (701) 328-2285 or [gburkett@state.nd.us](mailto:gburkett@state.nd.us). Space is limited for this training, so please contact her as soon as possible.

## Title I IVN Training Session

The State Title I office will be sponsoring a training session over IVN on August 18, 2003. The purpose of this training is to provide updated information on the *No Child Left Behind* Act as well as other pertinent Title I issues. The training will run from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm CDT. It will be broadcasted at twelve (12) sites throughout the state of North Dakota. These sites include:



- Drayton High School
- Grafton High School
- Dickinson State University – Room 104
- Minot State University – Room 158
- NDSU (Fargo) – EML, Room 170
- UND (Grand Forks) – Gamble Hall, Room 120
- Williston State College – Main Hall, Room 120
- Bismarck State College – Room 216
- NDSCS (Wahpeton) – Library, Room 117
- Jamestown State Hospital – Room 320
- Valley City State University – Room 115
- Lake Region State College (Devils Lake) – Room 171

Registration information is available online on the Title I website at [www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/events.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/events.shtm). Anyone who plans to attend should register by August 13, 2003 to ensure that the correct number of packets can be distributed to each broadcasting site.

Some agenda items include the following:

- An update on the highly qualified staff provision as well as the revised Title I credentials.
- A review of the guidance for spending the 5% set aside funds to meet the highly qualified staff provision as well as information on completing the budget revision form for utilizing the set aside funds.
- An update on the AYP provision.
- An update on the aide/paraprofessional requirements.
- The monitoring process that will be in place for the 2003-2004 school year.

All school personnel are welcome to attend!

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## Director's Corner

Summer is quickly coming to an end and staff in the State Title I office are busy making plans and preparing for the start of a new year. Please note the articles in this newsletter that outline our IVN Training Session and our big August mailing. The training session and the mailing will provide school personnel with important information and updates. In the August mailing, we are anxious to share the sample student selection project that was created over the summer.

The last week of July 2003, I attended a national Title I Directors meeting in Washington, D.C. I will be sharing the information that I received at this meeting at the IVN Training Session on August 18, 2003.

Staff in the Department are busy reviewing consolidated applications for the 2003-2004 school year. A form will be mailed to all Title I authorized representatives with the grant award that provides feedback on the three (3) Title I forms that were submitted with the consolidated application. So, please be on the lookout for this feedback form as the grant award letters are beginning to go out.

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## A New Method for Middle School Endorsement

It is now possible to complete the middle level endorsement requirements through either paper-based (workbooks - no computer required) OR web-based, totally online classes. The courses, offered through the NDSU Division of Distance and Continuing Education, are:

- Content Area Reading – Two semester credits.
- Middle Childhood & Adolescent Development – Two semester credits.
- Philosophy and Foundation of Middle Level Education – Three semester credits.
- Teaching for Critical Thinking & Understanding in Middle Child/Adolescence – Three semester credits.

The three-credit courses include application activities that meet the field experience endorsement requirement.

Students may work at their own pace to complete the courses; however most students can easily complete one course per semester.

Letter grades are earned for all courses.

All of the courses are available as either EDUC 600 or EDUC 793. EDUC 600 credit does not require the student to apply for admission to North Dakota State University (NDSU) or to the NDSU Graduate School and the credits are not generally accepted into a Master's program of study.



The fall tuition rates for the two-credit EDUC 600 courses are \$250; the three-credit EDUC 600 courses are \$375. In addition to the tuition costs, all courses require textbooks, costing approximately \$30.

The EDUC 793 credits are eligible to be included in a Master's degree program of study and require admission to the university. A non-refundable \$30 application fee will be charged to all matriculating NDSU students.

The fall tuition rates for the two-credit EDUC 793 courses are \$350; the three-credit EDUC 793 courses are \$526. Again, in addition to the tuition costs, all courses require textbooks, costing approximately \$30.

For more information or to register, contact NDSU Division of Distance and Continuing Education by calling (800) 726-1724 or (701) 231-7015 or visit [www.ndsu.edu/DCE](http://www.ndsu.edu/DCE).

For questions about the course content, contact the instructor, Harriett Light at (701) 237-2065, (701) 231-7099, or [harriett.light@ndsu.nodak.edu](mailto:harriett.light@ndsu.nodak.edu).

For further information on North Dakota's requirements for a middle school endorsement, please contact Janet Welk with the Education Standards and Practices Board at (701) 328-2264.

## August Mailing

The State Title I office will be sending all Title I teachers and authorized representatives a fall mailing at the end of August 2003. This packet will contain a variety of information including registration forms for the Fall Title I Conference, an application for Title I reallocated funds, and information on the sample Title I Student Selection tool that was developed over the summer. Watch your mailbox the end of this month for this important packet full of information!



## Title I Fall Conference

The 2003 Title I Fall Conference has been scheduled for October 15-17, 2003 at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck (formerly the Radisson Inn).



This year's conference continues with a new feature, which is a pre-conference seminar held on Thursday, October 15, 2003. The featured speaker for the pre-conference seminar is Donna Gordon from San Diego, California.

Dr. Marcus Nelson from Round Rock, Texas is the featured keynote speaker on Thursday, October 16. He is a nationally known and dynamic speaker.

The conference includes sectionals on reading, math, assessment, technology, and other miscellaneous topics.

This conference also includes two luncheons. At one of the luncheons, on Thursday, October 16, the conference will host the annual "Distinguished Guests" luncheon. At this luncheon we will honor our outstanding Title I Educator and our "Caught In the Act" award recipients.

All Title I personnel will receive information and registration forms the end of August 2003. College credit will be available for the conference.

Missy Schiller is the conference coordinator for this event. If you have any questions, please contact her at (701) 328-2254 or [mschiller@state.nd.us](mailto:mschiller@state.nd.us).

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## Reading and Math Credentials for New and Current Title I Teachers

The State Title I office has updated the Title I Credential website.

A new link has been created outlining the requirements for **new** Title I teachers in obtaining a Title I credential. This link outlines the requirements for a Reading Credential, Math Credential, Secondary Generalist Credential, and Initial Credential. Log on to [www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/targeted/require/read/new/index.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/targeted/require/read/new/index.shtm) to access this information.

Also on the State Title I website is a separate link containing credential information for **existing** Title I teachers. The link for this website is [www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/targeted/require/read/index.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/targeted/require/read/index.shtm)

Credentialing requirements for current Title I teachers will remain the same until July 1, 2006.

Guidance for the coding of the MIS03 forms can also be accessed on the above mentioned reading credential websites.

All Title I teachers will need to meet the requirements as outlined for new Title I teachers by July 1, 2006.



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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Training Trainers on DIBELS**

 August 13-15, 2003      Bismarck, ND      Kelly Inn

Training and registration information: [www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/reading/081503.pdf](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/reading/081503.pdf)

### **Title I IVN Session**

 August 18, 2003      Twelve IVN locations across the state of North Dakota

Registration information is available at: [www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/events.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/events.shtm)

### **NDDPI Conference on Educational Improvement**

 September 14-16, 2003      Bismarck, ND      Ramkota Inn

Please contact Patricia Laubach at (701) 328-4525 or [plaubach@state.nd.us](mailto:plaubach@state.nd.us)

### **Title I Fall Conference**

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

Conference and registration information will be posted at:  
[www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/events.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/events.shtm)

### **First Days of School Activities and Resources**

- **The Ultimate Back to School Site for Teachers**  
<http://www.teachingheart.net/backtoschool2.html>
- **First Day of School Activity Guide**  
<http://www.firstday.org/ActivityGuide.pdf>
- **First Day of School Checklist**  
<http://www.kinderkorner.com/chklist.html>
- **Ideas for the First Day of School**  
<http://www.suelebeau.com/firstday.htm>
- **Beginning of School Packet**  
<http://www.inspiringteachers.com/tips/packet/index.html>
- **Icebreakers and Energizers**  
<http://www.kimskorner4teachertalk.com/classmanagement/icebreakers.html>
- **Free Back to School Worksheets**  
<http://www.myworksheets.com/misc/back/>
- **First Day of School Activities**  
<http://www.cbv.ns.ca/sstudies/activities/1rstday/1rst.html>