



## North Dakota Department of Public Instruction

# Title I News

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### Shortened Newsletters for Summer Months

The summer months are increasingly hectic in the state Title I office. Consequently, our summer issues of the *Title I News* will be downsized and will not include many of our regular monthly articles. Each newsletter will highlight only imperative, need-to-know information. We appreciate your understanding.

### 2007-2008 AYP Report Update

The final release of the school and district Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) data has been delayed for the past several weeks because the Department of Public Instruction was waiting to receive official written approval from the U.S. Department of Education regarding a change that we requested in our AYP calculations. This has now been received, so the department is moving forward as scheduled.

The final 2007-2008 AYP reports for schools have been generated and were posted on the department's website on Wednesday, June 25, 2008. They can be accessed at [www.dpi.state.nd.us/dpi/reports/Profile/index.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/dpi/reports/Profile/index.shtm). The preliminary district AYP information has been posted confidentially on the STARS and is available for review. It is imperative that district personnel review the preliminary AYP reports for accuracy, as they are scheduled to be released in July 2008.

Two press releases regarding AYP results and the list of the Title I schools that have been identified for program improvement for the 2008-2009 school year will be available on the department's website at [www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/progress/current.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/progress/current.shtm).

All schools and districts identified for program improvement for the 2008-2009 school year will receive correspondence from the state Title I office regarding their designation and action required. Watch for this official written notification, as it will contain important information regarding your program improvement status and requirements.

### Final Title I Allocations Available Soon

The Department of Public Instruction has received final Title I allocation amounts from the U.S. Department of Education for the 2008-2009 school year. School district allocations are being recalculated for all of the Title programs. Final allocations will be posted on the department's website at [www.dpi.state.nd.us/grants/NCLB.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/grants/NCLB.shtm) as soon as they are available. Stephanie Gullickson, Grants Manager, will distribute an email to administrators once final allocations have been posted.

The consolidated application on the STARS will automatically be updated to reflect the final allocation amounts. Districts must review their consolidated application and ensure that their budgets do not exceed the district's final allocation.



## Welcome Even Start and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers

The Even Start Family Literacy Program and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Communities Learning Centers have joined the Title I unit. Dale Patrick is the administrator for these two programs and officially began working in the Title I unit earlier this month. Dale's knowledge and experience will be greatly needed and appreciated within the Title I unit as we begin planning for a significant increase in the number of schools and districts identified for program improvement in subsequent years. One of Dale's first assignments in Title I will be to help review the Title I portion of the consolidated applications. Please welcome Dale to Title I!

## Consolidated Application Reminders

The Department of Public Instruction has finalized the review process for the 2008-2009 consolidated application for federal Title funding. Please note the following:

- The consolidated application has been updated and is available for completion on **STate Automated Reporting System (STARS)**.
- The state Title I office has prepared a guidance document to assist school personnel in completing the Title I portions of the consolidated application. This document is available at [www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/conapp.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/conapp.shtm).
- The state Title I office has assigned a Title I contact person to each school district in the state. This listing is also available at [www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/conapp.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/conapp.shtm). Please ensure the district has communicated with the Title I contact person to conduct an initial review before the application is submitted.
- The final day to submit the consolidated application is August 29, 2008.

If you have specific questions regarding the consolidated application process, please contact Juliann Vetter at (701) 328-3265 or Stephanie Gullickson at (701) 328-2176. If you have questions specific to Title I, contact Laurie Matzke at (701) 328-2284 or your assigned Title I contact person.

Once the application is approved, an electronic grant award will be generated. This grant award will indicate the district's final allocation amount, official carryover amount, the amount available to spend for the 2008-2009 school year, and the amount that has been approved by the state Title I office.

## Summer In-services

Several new professional development opportunities have been brought to our attention. We would like to share this information with our Title I contacts.

- *Engaging Students Mathematically K-12: How can Students Solve for Unknowns?*  
July 30-31, 2008

This training is sponsored by the North Dakota Curriculum Initiative. It is being offered for one graduate credit which can be used for the renewal of your Title I math credential.

More information can be found online at [www.ndcurriculuminitiative.org](http://www.ndcurriculuminitiative.org).

- *Algebra! Algebra! Algebra! Connecting the Five Representations*  
August 5-7, 2008

This training is sponsored by the Lake Region Teacher Center. It is being offered for two graduate credits which can be used for the renewal of your Title I math credential.

Questions regarding registration can be sent to Erin Lacina at [erin.lacina@sendit.nodak.edu](mailto:erin.lacina@sendit.nodak.edu). Questions regarding the content of the workshop can be sent to Lori Gibson at [lori\\_gibson@bismarckschools.org](mailto:lori_gibson@bismarckschools.org).

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## Summer In-services (continued).

- *Beginning DIBELS Training* (August 4-5, 2008) AND *Advanced DIBELS Training* (August 6-7, 2008)

The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) is one of the required outcome assessments for all North Dakota Reading First schools. The DIBELS are a set of standardized, individually administered measures of early literacy development. They are designed to be short (one-minute) fluency measures used to regularly monitor the development of pre-reading and early reading skills. The Beginning DIBELS Training is a two-day workshop that covers the basics of DIBELS including how to administer, how to score, and how to analyze the results. The Advanced DIBELS Training is a two-day workshop for those that have already attended a Beginning DIBELS Training and will cover the DIBELS information more in-depth and with more detail. It will include how to use the DIBELS results to inform instruction.

This training is sponsored by the state Reading First office and held at Bismarck State College. It is being offered for one graduate credit which is considered a scientifically-based reading research course (SBRR) and can be used for the SBRR credit to renew your Title I reading credential.

More information will be available at [www.dpi.state.nd.us/events.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/events.shtm). Everyone is welcome to register; however, school personnel working in a Reading First school will be given priority.

- *Best Practice in Reading and Math with SmartBoards*

August 7-8, 2008 (Devils Lake)

August 13-14, 2008 (Towner)

If you have a SmartBoard in your classroom and are looking for tools and curriculum, this is the class for you! Even if you do not have a SmartBoard, many of the tools can be used on a desktop computer. This is a hands-on class in a computer lab. The instructors have taught a similar class in previous years, but the materials have been updated to include more math and language arts interventions and to facilitate learning with the use of a SmartBoard.

Credit from this course can be used toward renewal of math and reading credentials for Title I. Registration information can be found online at <http://educators.und.edu/workshops/interest/?871>.

## Title I Personnel Report Reminder

Title I personnel should complete the Title I Personnel Report (SFN 7357). A copy of this report was sent to school personnel in the Title I spring mailing and is also available at [www.dpi.state.nd.us/forms/sfn7357.pdf](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/forms/sfn7357.pdf) or [www.dpi.state.nd.us/forms/word/sfn7357.doc](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/forms/word/sfn7357.doc) on the department's website. Failure to submit this report will delay the approval of the district's 2008-2009 consolidated application for federal funds.

The report should reflect Title I cumulative data through the entire 2007-2008 school year. This information is compiled and submitted to the U.S. Department of Education for review.

## Are You Renewing Your Title I Credential(s) and Teaching License?

To be eligible to work in a Title I classroom, your math and/or reading credential must be renewed on/or before the expiration date. Your school's Title I funds will be in jeopardy if you teach in a Title I classroom with expired credentials. It is a common misconception that credentials are renewed automatically when a teaching license is renewed.

Teachers renewing their teaching license are to direct all questions and correspondence to the Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB). You can contact their office at (701) 328-9642 or [espbinfo@nd.gov](mailto:espbinfo@nd.gov). Teachers renewing their Title I reading and/or math credential(s) are to direct all questions and correspondence to the Department of Public Instruction's Title I office. Please contact Sandy Peterson in the North Dakota Title I office at (701) 328-2170 or [smpeterson@nd.gov](mailto:smpeterson@nd.gov).

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## June To Do List

<u>Administrators</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Submit Final Request for Funds	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit Personnel Report
<input type="checkbox"/> Submit Final Financial Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Compile Information for 08-09 Consolidated Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Submit Addendums (if necessary)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Begin to work on the 08-09 Consolidated Application	

## Upcoming Events

### Best Practices in Language Arts Instruction

- July 28 – 31, 2008 in Devils Lake, ND

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

### Training for Lesson Maps and Templates for the 2004 Scott Foresman Reading Curriculum

- July 28 – August 1, 2008 in Jamestown, ND

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

### Beginning DIBELS Training

- August 4 – 5, 2008

More information will be available at [www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/events.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/events.shtm).

### Advanced DIBELS Training

- August 6 – 7, 2008

More information will be available at [www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/events.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/events.shtm).

### DPI New Administrator's Conference

This annual two-day workshop is intended for first year and new-to-the-state superintendents and elementary, middle level/junior high, and secondary school principals.

- August 7 – 8, 2008 in Bismarck, ND

Information will be available at [www.dpi.state.nd.us/events.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/events.shtm).

### 2008 NDALL Conference

- September 17-19, 2008 in Bismarck, ND

More information will be available at [www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/events.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/events.shtm).

### 2008 Title I Fall Conference

The state Title I office is sponsoring a fall conference for Title I personnel.

- October 8-10, 2008 in Bismarck, ND

Information will be available in the fall of 2008 at [www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/events.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/events.shtm).

