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# Title I News

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## District Program Improvement Information Released

On Tuesday, July 15, 2008, the Department of Public Instruction announced the release of the North Dakota public school districts that have been identified for program improvement for the 2008-2009 school year. Each district identified for program improvement has been assigned a contact person in the Title I office. This list can be found online at [www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/progress/staff.pdf](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/progress/staff.pdf).

For more information regarding the district program improvement or AYP press release, please visit [www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/progress/index.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/progress/index.shtm).

## New Administrators' Workshop

The Department of Public Instruction and the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders is sponsoring its annual two-day workshop for first year and new-to-the-state superintendents and elementary, middle level/junior high, and secondary school principals. The workshop will be held in the Brynhild Haugland room at the State Capitol on Thursday, August 7, and Friday, August 8, 2008. Registration will begin at 8:30 am on August 7, and the workshop will conclude at approximately 3:30 pm on August 8.

The state Title I office will present information on Title I during the two-day workshop. We will also provide a supplemental packet of materials for new administrators of Title I schoolwide programs that will be disseminated during registration. Please visit [www.dpi.state.nd.us/approve/admin.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/approve/admin.shtm) for registration information and forms. If you need additional information, please call (701) 328-2266.

## 2008-2009 Program Improvement Summary Data

<b>School AYP Information</b>	
Number of schools that did not make adequate yearly progress on the 2007-2008 State Assessment.	169
New schools identified for program improvement for 2008-2009.	11
Number of schools removed from program improvement status for 2008-2009.	1
Total number of schools in program improvement for 2008-2009.	28
<b>District AYP Information</b>	
Number of districts that did not make adequate yearly progress on the 2007-2008 State Assessment.	73
New districts identified for program improvement for 2008-2009.	7
Number of districts removed from program improvement status for 2008-2009.	1
Total number of districts in program improvement for 2008-2009.	21

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## 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 the **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 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.

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## New Title I Staff Member

The state Title I office would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest staff member, Stefanie Two Crow. Stefanie joined the Title I staff on July 15, 2008. She is the administrator for the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and will assist with various Title I responsibilities. Stefanie's knowledge and prior experience working as a federal program director is greatly needed and appreciated as we begin planning for a significant increase in the number of schools and districts identified for program improvement in subsequent years. One of Stefanie's first assignments in Title I will be to help review the Title I portion of the consolidated applications. Please welcome Stefanie to Title I!

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## 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).

Please note: In most cases, when your teaching license is due for renewal, so is your Title I reading and/or math credential. The Title I office does not send out renewal notices; therefore, it is your responsibility to contact the state Title I office to ensure your credential(s) remains current.

## DIBELS Training Update

The registration form for the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) training is now available at [www.dpi.state.nd.us/events.shtm](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/events.shtm). Everyone is welcome to register and attend; however, school personnel working in a Reading First school will be given first priority.

Beginning DIBELS Training is scheduled for August 4-5, 2008. The 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, score, and analyze the results.

Advanced DIBELS Training is scheduled for August 6-7, 2008. 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.

These trainings will be held at Bismarck State College. Each two-day training will be offered for one credit from the University of Mary. This credit will be considered an SBRR (scientifically-based reading research) credit, which can be used as the SBR credit required to renew your reading credential.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the new North Dakota Reading First (NDRF) schools and the continuing Reading First schools. Schools just starting out with their Reading First program have a \* beside them.

- Bottineau Public School District – Bottineau Elementary School
- Fort Yates Public School District – \*Standing Rock Community Elementary School
- Minot Public School District – Sunnyside Elementary School
- Mohall Public School District – Mohall Elementary School
- Pingree Public School District – Pingree/Buchanan Elementary School
- St. John Public School District – \*St. John Elementary School
- Warwick Public School District – \*Warwick Elementary School

The NDRF schools are selected through a competitive grant, and all areas of the grant application must meet Reading First standards in order to be funded. A committee of readers reviews, evaluates, and scores the grant applications. All of the hard work and time in submitting a NDRF program application and implementing the Reading First program is much appreciated.

## AYP Notification Reminder

In April 2008 the department learned of proposed Title I regulations, released by Secretary Margaret Spellings, which would require schools and districts to disseminate Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) information to parents at least 15 days prior to the start of school. **We have learned that these resolutions will not go into effect until the 2009-2010 school year.** However, the current *No Child Left Behind* regulations state that all schools and districts must disseminate AYP information to parents before the first day of school. When North Dakota was monitored by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) in May 2008, many of the AYP letters that USDE staff reviewed were dated in September or October. North Dakota has been marked as out-of-compliance regarding this issue and will be required to evidence that North Dakota schools and districts were informed of this issue and have taken actions to correct this issue. ***Therefore, all schools and district are reminded that AYP reports and correspondence must be disseminated to parents before the first day of school for the 2008-2009 school year.***

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## **July To Do List**

### Administrators

- Submit Final Request for Funds
- Submit Final Financial Report
- Submit Addendums (if necessary)
- Finalize the 08-09 Consolidated Application
- Send Parent Notification of AYP Status PRIOR to Start of School Year

### Teachers

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

### **DPI New Administrators' Workshop**

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 is 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).

### **2008 NDEA Instructional Conference**

- October 22 – 24, 2008 in Fargo, ND

Information will be available at <http://nd.nea.org/events/home.html>.