

TESTIMONY
Education Funding Committee
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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee:

My name is Gwyn Marback and I am the Assistant Director of the Teacher and School Effectiveness unit, presently serving as Acting Director. I will be presenting a brief report regarding instructional waivers as outlined in NDCC 15.1-21-03. I will also be reporting on the accreditation of schools.

Instructional Time: In referring to the first document I handed out, you will find the schools or school consortiums that have applied for instructional time waivers for one of two reasons: either to provide additional instructional time in the areas of CTE, RTI (Response to Intervention), or to allow for additional teacher collaboration and professional development. The second document is the application schools need to submit for approval of waiving the constraints of century code as it relates to instructional time.

Accreditation: This 2014-15 school year, we rolled our statewide accreditation with AdvancED. Our first year was a transition year for schools. This year provided technical assistance on how to transition their current school improvement work into the AdvancED process. In addition, with collaboration from

administrators and educators across the state, North Dakota developed ten assurances to be reviewed each year in the annual accreditation report for AdvancED. I met with Angie Koppang, AdvancED Regional Director yesterday. She reported North Dakota had a very successful “roll out” and all components are up and running to begin the work with all school in our Statewide Accreditation with AdvancED.

This concludes my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions.

NDCC 15.1-06-08.1 Statutes – Waiver

NDCC 15.1-21-03 High school unit instructional time

New waiver requests received for the **2011-12** school year:
None

New waiver requests received for the **2012-13** school year:

MDEC (Mid-Dakota Educational Cooperative)

Glenburn	Kenmare	Lewis and Clark
Max	Sawyer	Our Redeemer’s Christian
Surrey	United 7	Burlington

Waiver of instructional time to use two hours early dismissal time twice each month for staff development to provide for collaborative decisions resulting in a more focused, rigorous academic setting for students.

NCEC (North Central Education Cooperative)

Anamoose	Bottineau	Carrington
Drake	Dunseith	Goodrich
McClusky	Harvey	MLS-Mohall
Mt. Pleasant-Rolla	Newburg United	New Rockford-Sheyenne
Rugby	Sawyer	TGU-Towner
Surrey	Velva	Westhope

Extend school day by 10 minutes with the option of running block schedule or eight units of 45 minutes each. Increase CTE and RTI opportunities.

CDTC (Central Dakota Telecommunications Consortium)

Edgeley	Ellendale	Fessenden-Bowden
Gackle-Streeter	Griggs County	Jamestown
Kensal	Kidder County	Kulm
LaMoure	Litchville-Marion	Medina
Midkota	Montpelier	Pingree-Buchanan
Strasburg		

Common class schedule of seven 45-minute class periods and one period devoted to student intervention, mentoring, PLCs, etc. Provides the option for schools to move to block scheduling for additional course offerings.

New Town High School

Provide a 6-period day with extended class time. Friday is set aside for student intervention, additional instruction and tutoring.

Extension waiver requests received for the **2013-14** school year:

MDEC (Mid-Dakota Educational Cooperative)

Glenburn	Kenmare	Lewis and Clark
Max	Sawyer	Our Redeemer's Christian
Surrey	United 7	Burlington
Minot Bishop Ryan Catholic	Minot Public	Minot South Prairie
Minot Dakota Memorial	Velva	

Waiver of instructional time to use two hours early dismissal time twice each month for staff development to provide for collaborative decisions resulting in a more focused, rigorous academic setting for students.

NCDLC (North Central Distance Learning Consortium) - was previously NCEC

Anamoose	Bottineau	Carrington
Drake	Dunseith	Goodrich
Harvey	McClusky	MLS-Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood
New Rockford-Sheyenne	Newburg United	Mt. Pleasant-Rolla
Rugby	TGU-Towner	Westhope

Extend school day by 10 minutes with the option of running block schedule or eight units of 45 minutes each. Increase CTE and RTI opportunities.

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Common class schedule of seven 45-minute class periods and one period devoted to student intervention, mentoring, PLCs, etc. Provides the option for schools to move to block scheduling for additional course offerings.

New waiver requests received for the **2013-14** school year:

Ashley Public School

Waiver of instructional time to reduce to 45 minute classes to provide increased educational intervention and assistance to students, allow time for student enrichment, and provide professional action time (i.e. PLC).

Bismarck Legacy High School

Waiver of instructional time to change to a 90 minute per day block scheduling which would also allow students to take more CTE courses.

Dickinson Trinity High School

Due to a fire in the school, the waiver of instructional time was to reduce the 50 minute period to 46 minutes for science and CTE classes the last nine weeks of school.

Rugby Public School

Waiver of instructional time for a late start one day a week to allow all staff PLC time to address curriculum, assessment, and instruction needs of K-12 students.

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