

Testimony

Tribal and State Relations Committee

Monday, September 26, 2016

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Good Morning, my name is Lucy Fredericks and I am the Director of Indian/Multicultural Education for the ND Department of Public Instruction. I am here today to provide you with information on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the upcoming North Dakota ESSA Tribal Consultation Meeting which includes several provisions that target the educational needs of Native American students.

The new federal education law known as ESSA doesn't go into effect until July 1, 2017. Over the next year, the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) will be creating federal guidance on the implementation of ESSA. Each state department must create a comprehensive state plan that outlines how they will implement the law. North Dakota will submit their state plan in March, 2017.

The ND state ESSA Planning committee has met three times since May with the next meeting scheduled for this Friday, September 30th. The ND plan is focused around continuous improvement. The three subcommittees are; Teacher and Leader Effectiveness, Standards Assessment Accountability & Reporting and Continuous Improvement. All ESSA related information can be accessed on the NDDPI website at www.nd.gov/dpi

ESSA requires states to engage in Meaningful Consultation with Tribes in the development of the states plan to meet the needs of Native students. ESSA promotes tribal self-determination in the education of Native students by authorizing coordination and collaboration of tribal stakeholders with state education agencies (SEAs) to meet the unique culturally-related academic needs of our Native American students.

Attached is the Agenda for the ND ESSA Tribal Consultation Meeting scheduled for Friday, October 21, 2016 from 1-4pm in the Brynhild Haugland Room here at the State Capitol.

Update on the North Dakota Native American Essential Understandings Phase II project. Launch of the Teaching of our Elders Website www.teachingsofourelders.org



NORTH DAKOTA ESSA TRIBAL CONSULTATION MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2016
1:00PM TO 4:00PM CT
BRYNHILD HAUGLAND ROOM, ND STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
BISMARCK, ND

- 1:00PM** **Meet & Greet**
- 1:05PM** **Prayer**
- 1:10PM** **Welcome & Introductions**
- Kirsten Baesler, North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) State Superintendent
 - Scott Davis, North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission Executive Director
 - Lucy Fredericks, NDDPI Director of Office of Indian/Multicultural Education
- 1:30PM** **Overview of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**
- Provisions that target the educational needs of Native American students
 - Opportunities ESSA provides to strengthen ways to address Native American equity gaps
 - Culturally related components to meet the needs of diverse student populations
- 2:00PM** **NDDPI's Vision for Education**
- Overview of ND ESSA Planning Committee Meetings and Workgroups
- 2:15PM** **Meaningful Tribal Consultation Discussion**
- 2:45PM** **Table Discussions**
- Teacher & Leader Effectiveness
 - Standards, Assessment, Accountability & Reporting
 - Continuous Improvement
- 3:15PM** **Main Discussion Points** – report out of each table discussion
- 3:45PM** **Next Steps and Q & A**
- 4:00PM** **Adjourn**



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TO: North Dakota ESSA Tribal Consultation Participants/Stakeholders

FROM: Kirsten Baesler, State Superintendent
Scott Davis, Director of North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission

DATE: September 2, 2016

SUBJECT: North Dakota ESSA Tribal Consultation Meeting

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) and the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission (NDIAC) would like to invite you to participate in the North Dakota Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Tribal Consultation Meeting. We would like to engage in meaningful consultation with tribes and other tribal education agencies in the development of our North Dakota state plan to meet the education needs of Native American students.

Under ESSA, each state educational agency must create a consolidated state plan to outline how the state intends to implement the new law. The NDDPI will submit its state ESSA plan to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) in March 2017. All ESSA related information can be accessed at www.nd.gov/dpi/SchoolStaff/FTP/ESSA/.

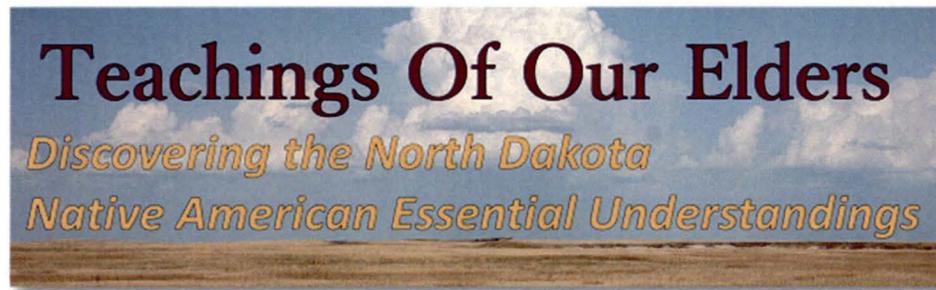
The North Dakota ESSA Tribal Consultation Meeting will be held on Friday, October 21, 2016. We will meet at the State Capitol in the Brynhild Haugland Room from 1:00pm to 4:00pm CT (Ground Floor, West Entrance). An agenda will follow.

If you have any questions prior to our meeting, please contact Lucy Fredericks, Director of Indian/Multicultural Education at lkfredericks@nd.gov or (701) 328-1718. We look forward to seeing you at this very important meeting on October 21, 2016!

North Dakota Native American Essential Understanding Project

Teachings of our Elders Website

Welcome to North Dakota Department of Public Instruction's *Teachings Of Our Elders* website. This is the home of the newly adopted North Dakota Native American Essential Understandings (NDNAEU) as well as a growing collection of Elder video interviews, lesson plans and other resources dedicated to helping Educators incorporate the NDNAEU into their classrooms and curriculum!



<http://www.teachingsofourelders.org>