

North Dakota Dropout Prevention Summit

Tentative Schedule

Radisson Inn, Bismarck, ND

Monday, June 8, 2009

- 9:30 a.m. Greeting, overview, and America's Promise Alliance video presentation
- 9:45 a.m. Governor's Address
Governor John Hoeven
- 10:00 a.m. Current Trends in North Dakota Dropout Demographics
Don Kaiser of the Department of Public Instruction will present his research, and results of dropout surveys administered by participating high schools will be shared as well.
- 11:00 a.m. Student Panel
Recent high school dropouts and potential dropouts will share their thoughts and concerns through a facilitated panel discussion.
- 12:00 noon Lunch (provided)
- 1:00 p.m. Best Practices and Programs in Dropout Prevention
National Education Association expert Marcie Dianda will inform attendees of what works in America's schools.
- 2:15 p.m. Communities in Schools
CIS Director of State and Field Support Linda Thompson Black will explain the philosophy, practices, and possibilities of the well-known, community-based program.
- 3:30 p.m. Check and Connect
Colleen Kaibel, Director of the Check and Connect program in Minneapolis, will discuss the program which has been identified by the What Works Clearinghouse as one of the most effective dropout initiatives in the United States.
- 4:45 p.m. Team meetings
Each DPT (Dropout Prevention Team) will meet to debrief and identify strategies they feel may work in their school and community. The teams will post their thoughts on the walls of the meeting room for others to view.
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner and evening on your own (possible picnic)

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast (provided) and viewing of DPT posters
- 8:00 a.m. Ready Child
NDEA's Ready Child initiative is a comprehensive effort designed to help North Dakota students succeed by meeting their needs from birth to graduation.
- 9:00 a.m. Focus on Native American Students
One third of North Dakota's 2006-2007 dropouts were Native American students. This session will help participants to better understand and reach our Native population. *Pending*
- 10:30 a.m. Breakout session I
Making High School Work for At-Risk Students
West Fargo High School's SHAC (Senior High Alternative Center) program is saving students with a school-within-a-school philosophy.
What's So Great About Grand Forks??
Grand Forks has been recognized by America's Promise Alliance as one of the "100 Best Communities for Youth". Find out what they're doing right!
Engaging Students With Career and Technical Education
Many students require hands-on, career-related course content in order to be engaged in school. Wayne Kutzer of the ND Department of Career and Technical Education will highlight several possibilities for schools.
Who Are Carrie's Kids?
Bismarck students in crisis are being saved by Carrie Grosz every day. Find out how the program works!
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch (provided)
- 12:30 p.m. Breakout session II
Job Corps
North Dakota Job Corps in Minot is providing a work-related path to graduation.
Does Your Community Communicate?
NDEA and NEA can provide training, support, and facilitation to encourage your community to come together to close the achievement gap among various student populations. *Pending*
State Services Available to Schools & Communities
Representatives of state agencies dedicated to health, poverty, and other child-related issues will explain how they can serve as a resource.
Pending
Alternative High Schools Roundtable
North Dakota alternative high schools will discuss common issues, programs that are working, and ways to work together.
Deb Dillon – Facilitator

- 1:45 p.m. Team Meetings
 Each DPT will formulate a tentative school plan for the upcoming year.
- 2:30 p.m. Statewide Plan - facilitated by Lt. Governor Jack Dalrymple
 A tentative statewide plan will be formulated. Because the North Dakota legislature meets biannually and won't be meeting again until 2011, the plan will likely need to consist of a wish list as well as a list of measures schools can implement without significant or immediate state support.
- 4:00 p.m. Everyone goes home!!