

ESSA IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

September 12, 2024
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CT
Brynhild Hauglan Room

Facilitator: Laurie Matzke

Note Taker: Kassie Schaff

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Welcome: Supt. Baesler welcomed the group and provided opening comments.

Presentations:

Laurie Matzke, Assistant Superintendent, started the meeting with a PowerPoint presentation on an overview of the topics to be addressed.

Stan Schauer, the Director of the Office of Assessment provided the following key updates:

- Currently in year 3 of the participation rate monitoring process.
- ACT and NDSA are no longer used as state summative assessments for yearly accountability determinations.
- ND A+ automated data feed is getting more robust.
- CR-Workforce Ready text change to replace NDSA with ND A+ summative.

Amanda Peterson, the Director of Educational Improvement and Support provided the following key updates:

- Identification of TSI and CSI schools.
- Potential ESSA Plan Revisions.
- NDDPI was selected for targeted monitoring on the school improvement requirements under ESSA. Discussed USED monitoring process and findings.
- Accountability reports on Insights. Due to time constraints demonstrated Insights dashboard on behalf of Ross Roemmich.
- ND First comment period.
- Workgroup to discuss accountability for “unique” schools.

Supt. Baesler discussed aspirational goals and NDDPI Accountability.

- ND State accreditation review process and certification.
- Recommendations on aspirational goals.
- Crosswalk to align.
- Create a workgroup.

Laurie Matzke provided the following updates on Choice Ready:

- Consistent growth for state choice ready rate.
- Working to align this growth with our graduation rate.
- Discussed future topics regarding the Four-Year Rolling Plan and Military readiness options.
- Choice Ready grant timelines.
- Areas where growth is most needed were highlighted as ACT tutoring, Dual Credit courses and online courses from CDE.

Jim Upgren, Assistant Director of the Office of School Approval and Opportunity provided the following key updates on the Four-Year Rolling Plan.

- Discussed concerns coming from family cabinet, student cabinet and Governor’s office regarding schools not doing the Four-Year rolling plan.
- The group provided feedback.
- December meeting will discuss the RUPReady platform as a solution to track the Four-Year Rolling plan better.
- Patrick Mineer will be invited to present on this topic.

Kaitlyn Allen, NDCDE Director of Curriculum provided the following key updates on Military Courses.

- Program objectives, and alignment of framework with Choice Ready.
- Described military courses available.
- Supt. Baesler noted the military pathway is one way to increase accountability points to show growth.
- A workgroup was recommended.

Steve Snow, Systems Integration Specialist in the Office of Information and Administration provided the following key updates on Student Engagement.

- All students in grades 3-12 complete the Cognia student engagement survey in January/February each year.
- Student Engagement Pilot.

Joe Kolosky, Director of the Office of School Approval and Opportunity provided key updates on the [Governor’s Task Force](#) recommendation for teacher shortage.

Laurie Matzke provided the following key updates on teacher shortage.

- Grow Your Own initiatives overview.
- SB 2032 is in NDDPI’s base budget.
- Federal program Registered Apprenticeship Program for Teachers (RAPT) updates.
- Para certificate available for high school students.

Next Steps:

- Doodle poll for December meeting forthcoming.
- Request to put assessment information regularly in weekly Blast.
- Sign-up sheet to participate in workgroup to determine accountability for unique schools.
- Sign-up sheet to participate in workgroup to align aspirational goals with ESSA Accountability.
- Ask Patrick Mineer to present at December ESSA meeting.
- Sign-up sheet to participate in workgroup to show CDE military courses within Choice Ready Framework.
- Sign-up sheet to research ideas to add to elementary/middle school accountability pie.