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BUILDING THE BRIDGE

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Why **BRIDGE?**

Current Challenges

- Inconsistent data quality and standards
- Delays in accessing actionable data
- Time, energy, and effort required to gather, organize, and report the data required to fund, assess, and operate our education system
- Antiquated systems that don't "talk" to one another

Developing a Solution

- NDDPI worked with a team of key stakeholders (including administrators) to identify K-12 data outcomes

- NDDPI issued an RFP for a statewide SIS with the goals of:
  - Providing a unified, secure, and accessible data ecosystem
  - Empowering educators, administrators, and policymakers with real-time, relevant data
  - Allowing data to stay with students through their entire North Dakota K-12 educational journey (across schools, districts, dual enrollment, etc.)

- A vendor was selected to partner with us on the path forward

Vision

An enterprise solution to transform the management of education data in North Dakota that allows our teachers and administrators to focus more on North Dakota's K12 Vision and Mission: "that all students will graduate choice ready with the knowledge, skills, and disposition to be successful."

Systems might change, but outcomes will remain the same.

What is **BRIDGE?**

BRIDGE

ND's Comprehensive K-12 Data Modernization Solution

The name **BRIDGE** reflects the system's core mission: connecting schools, students, families, and policymakers through meaningful, accessible data that supports student-centered growth.

BRIDGE also captures the spirit of the initiative—bridging gaps between data and decision-making, between reporting and real impact, and between where we are and where we aspire to be.

BRIDGE symbolizes strong collaboration across NDDPI, schools, districts, and state and federal partners. It underscores our shared commitment to unified, data-informed efforts that support every student.

What's Next?

This Week/Month

- **Implementation Guide** will be released this week!
  Watch for it in the *NDDPI Messenger.*

- **Data Extraction/Migration RFP** will be released soon.
  To prepare, districts can:
    - Clean up existing data
    - Inventory existing systems
    - Inventory third-party vendors

Phases & Timeline

- **Fall 2025:** Implementation activities begin
- **Winter 2025:** Analysis and discovery
- **Spring 2026:** Implementation and training
- **Summer 2026:** Go live
- **Fall 2026:** New school year, new SIS!

For Schools & Districts:

- Technology assessments and checklists
- Training

Questions/Discussion

Resources

- Website homepage: **https://www.nd.gov/dpi/**

- Email us! **bridge@nd.gov**