

# RESP Director's Report

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## Thank You!

The RESP/DSU January 17 In-service *Learning in a Digital World* was a huge success with 566 educators registered and 410 attending. Thanks to all of you who braved the ice-covered roads to join us.

## Spelling Bee Time

If you have heard the sound of bees buzzing, you are not just dreaming of spring. They are Spelling Bees. This month RESP will be assisting with the Stark County Spelling Bee on February 9 and the Billings County Spelling Bee on February 22. All of this excitement leads up to the Roughrider Regional Spelling Bee on March 9 at Dickinson State University. Contact us if we can assist at your County Spelling Bee.

## FREE SPARK training offered

The RUFIT Wellness Team is inviting you to join them for SPARK training. This nationally recognized physical education curriculum is research-based and designed to involve all students, encourage activity, incorporate social skills and emphasize health-related fitness and skill development.

Training dates are:

\*February 14—Session 2 for Gr. K-2 PE Teachers      \*February 16 – Session 2 for Gr. 7-12 PE Teachers

\*February 15 – Session 1 for Gr. 3-6 PE Teachers      \*February 17 – Session 2 for Gr. 3-6 PE Teachers

All sessions will be held from 8:00-3:00 at the Dickinson Trinity Gym. This training is FREE for RESP educators. For educators from other REAs, the fee is \$200 for two days of age appropriate training. Purchasing curriculum materials will be the responsibility of attending districts. Register at [www.resp-k12-education.org](http://www.resp-k12-education.org)

## Grade Level Meeting Wrapping Up

RESP Grade-level meetings will be concluding this month. All meetings will be held at Dickinson State University, Murphy Hall, Room 202 from 9:00-3:00. Please register on-line at [www.resp-k12-education.org](http://www.resp-k12-education.org)

2/03/2011	Grade 6 Teachers	9:00 – 3:30	DSU – Murphy Hall 202
2/10/2011	Multi Grade Teachers	9:00 – 3:30	DSU – Murphy Hall 202
2/15/2011	K-6 Counselor's Meeting	9:00 – 3:30	DSU – Murphy Hall 202

## School Improvement Leadership Team Sessions

RESP will be hosting a webinar with school improvement experts Angie Koppang and Linda Paluck on Monday, February 7 from 4:00-5:30 MT. Please contact our office to be added to the meeting roster. This session will offer schools the opportunity to get answers to your questions, no matter what stage of the school improvement process you are in.

## Building Data Teams III

The third session designed to help districts build data teams has been rescheduled to March 23, 2011 from 9:00-3:00 at the Strom Center. Bill Demaree will assist districts in using NWEA data and the DesCartes Continuum for school improvement. There will also be time for team work so please bring your laptop computer and test data. Registration is available at [www.resp-k12-education.org](http://www.resp-k12-education.org)

## RESP Needs Survey

All RESP administrators and teachers will be receiving an invitation to complete our on-line survey. This survey guides the RESP Boards, the Professional Development Committee and the RESP staff as we begin planning for the upcoming school year and years to come. We encourage all RESP educators to have a voice in our future services by completing this survey. Thank you in advance for your precious time and valuable suggestions.