

RESP Director's Report

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Please share this RESP report with your school board members.

RESP Strategic Planning

The RESP Strategic Planning Event was held on February 21, 2012. The day involved 40 representatives from 17 different RESP districts. Facilitator Marv Erhard introduced the strategic planning process and presented the results of the needs survey. This survey identified three issues that were explored during the planning event: 1) customization 2) core services 3) changing demographics. District representatives met in subgroups to discuss these issues and consider possible strategies, actions and assessments for each concern. Following the Planning Event, Mr. Erhard summarized the proposed strategies into a survey that allows participants to prioritize the actions. This survey was emailed to all Strategic Planning participants with their input due by March 9. A list of the top priorities from the districts will be presented to the Governing Board for consideration in the near future.

The Strategic Planning Event was a powerful day as districts shared their visions for the future of RESP. I want to thank all of those who participated in the Strategic Planning Process and extend a special thank you to Marv Erhard for facilitating this day. Together, we can do more.

Career Expo is March 13

A team of RESP Counselors has been diligently working to organize and implement the 2012 Career Expo day. This day will offer high school sophomores and juniors a chance to learn more about careers by meeting first-hand with a representative from the workplace. Participants selected three different career interests from a menu of 50 different choices. Currently, 484 students from Beach, Belfield, Bowman, Dickinson Catholic Schools, Halliday, Hebron, Killdeer, Mott-Regent, New England, Richardton-Taylor, Scranton, and South Heart School Districts are registered to attend.

I would like to thank the Career Expo Committee for all of their work on this project. Committee members include: Chair Leanne Benes, Ric Ukestad, Pam Fisher, Leah Dockter, Tim Schaible, Ron Benson, Carole Smolnikar, Scott Bohn, Denis Oase, Connie Susag, Bobbie Olson, Marcus Lewton, Autumn Hagen, Donna Fricke, and Amy Axtman.

Succeed 2020

RESP would like to welcome Maud Abeel and Ben Dworken to southwest North Dakota. Maud and Ben are the FHI360 liaisons to RESP for work on the Succeed 2020 grant initiative. They will be in our region from March 5-March 7 and are scheduled to meet with several of the groups working on the grant initiative, visit a few of our schools and join us for the March 7th Governing and Administrative Board Meeting. They will also be attending the Succeed 2020 Informational meeting scheduled for 5:00 pm on March 7 at the DSU Student Center. I hope you have an opportunity to meet them.

Upcoming Events

March 7, 2012	Succeed 2020 Informational Forum	5:00-6:00	DSU Student Center
March 12, 2012	New Teacher Mentoring	4:00-6:00	RESP Office
March 13, 2012	Career Expo	9:00-12:10	DSU Campus
March 22, 2012	Career Resource Network-E-Portfolio & Student Plans	9:00-12:00	RESP Training Lab
March 22, 2012	Career Resource Network-Customizing Your School Plan	1:00-4:00	RESP Training Lab
March 28, 2012	Join the Daily 5	4:00-6:00	DSU Murphy Hall
April 4, 2012	Administrative Board Meeting	9:00-11:00	DSU Strom Center

NOTE: Marketplace for Kids has been rescheduled for May 14, 2012