

RESP Director's Report

Amy Axtman, April 2012

Please share this RESP report with your school board members.

Succeed 2020

The Roughrider Succeed 2020 grant proposal was submitted on April 2. The state steering committee and the FHI team will be reviewing the proposals and the first round grantees will be announced on April 16. Each administrator has received a copy of the proposal with the understanding that this information is not for release to the general public until the grant has been approved. Roughrider Succeed 2020 was designed to build and expand on current initiatives that will lead to better preparation for post-secondary education and careers. This includes building capacity for academic leadership, supporting career planning across the region, offering additional CTE training and advanced courses, supporting best-practices in the classroom, developing additional support for struggling students and assisting students as they transition from one school to another. It is an exciting opportunity to support districts as they work to provide the best education possible for their students.

I want to thank the Grant Development Team for all of their work on the Roughrider Succeed 2020 proposal. Hats off to Bill Gion, Brent Bautz, Gary Wilz, Alyce Spotted Bear, Sandra Bertelsen, Bernie Burley, Scott Bohn, John Hurlimann, Melanie Kathrein, Sherrill Mann. Your time and efforts are appreciated.

Professional Development for 2011-2012

The RESP Strategic Plan suggested that RESP move toward regional professional development opportunities in place of the in-service days. To begin this process, administrators will be asked to identify their district goals. Ms. Axtman will collate the results and identify common themes of focus for professional development. Administrators will then be invited to meet in smaller groups to discuss planning for shared professional development around that goal. This is a new approach that fits nicely into our vision of providing shared education services.

Education Networking Fair

RESP, MREC and the universities of western North Dakota are co-sponsoring the Education Networking Fair on April 18 from 1:00-3:00. The event begins at 1:00 with lunch at Chick's Place on the University of Mary Campus. Superintendent or representative will begin by talking about their district. Following these introductions, at about 1:45, we will be moving to the Field House which is directly down stairs from Chick's Place for the breakout & networking portion of the fair. Please note the change of location.

Spring Data Retreat

A data retreat is scheduled with Bill Demaree on April 25 from 9-3 at the Strom Center. Mr. Demaree will be available to assist districts as they review data from the current school year and make plans for next year. Please register by April 18 by contacting the RESP office.

Upcoming Events

April 4, 2012	Administrative Board Meeting	9:00-11:00	DSU Strom Center
April 16, 2012	North Dakota ACT Conference	8:00-3:00	Bismarck
April 18, 2012	Education Networking Fair	1:00-3:00	University of Mary
April 19-21, 2012	North Dakota Reading Association Conference	8:00-5:00	Ramada-Grand Dakota
April 25, 2012	Spring Data Retreat	9:00-3:00	DSU Strom Center
May 2, 2012	Governing and Administrative Board Meeting	3:00	DSU Student Center
May 14, 2012	Marketplace for Kids		