#### NORTH DAKOTA

# Regional Education Association



EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The mission of NDREA is to support and strengthen education in North Dakota.

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#### Who are members of the NDREA?

The North Dakota Regional Education Association's (NDREA) primary members are the regional education association (REA)\* directors and REA staff members. Other members include REA lead administrators and representatives from other organizations that help to advance the mission.

#### What does the NDREA do?

The NDREA provides support to strengthen the seven REAs across the state. Through these seven REAs we serve 99.9% of the state's public schools and over 112,000 public school students, plus over 6,450 students in private schools, Bureau of Indian Education Schools, ND School for the Deaf and ND Youth Correctional Center. We believe through collaboration, a systemic approach, solution-oriented strategies and a focus on continuous improvement we can improve the quality of education across North Dakota.

NDREA members use a systematic approach to effectively share methods and practices that research has found to produce the best performance and results. Members support each other to ensure such practices are modeled in the operation of each respective REA.

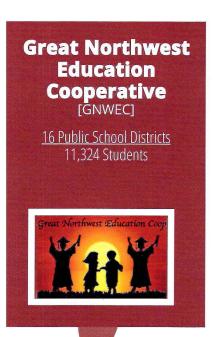


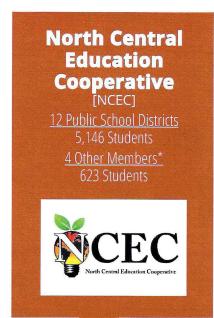
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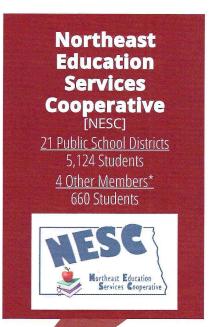
#### **How does NDREA support education?**

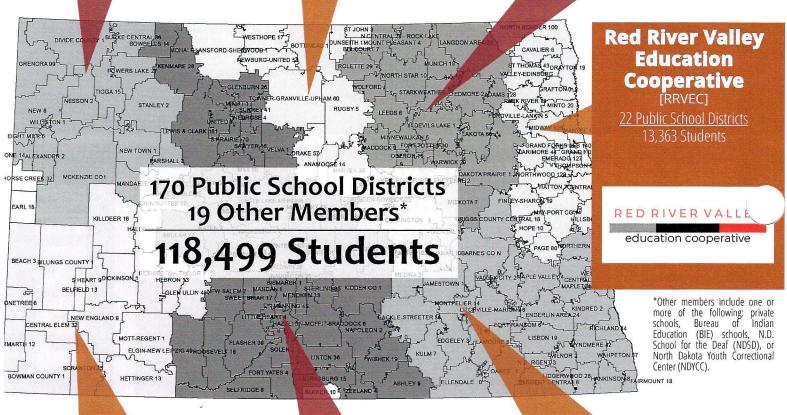
- Identifies and establishes clear standards of quality for professional development/ learning including standards for quality outcomes and processes.
- Exercises leadership to plan and implement high-quality programs and services within each REA and statewide.
- Capitalizes on new statewide strategic initiative opportunities that will benefit all schools.

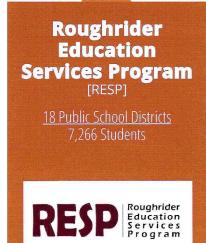
\*A Regional Education Association (REA) is a group of school districts seeking to improve their educational programs and services through cooperation and pooling of resources. There are seven REAs i North Dakota and 99% of all the public school districts in the state are members of an REA. About 99% of all public school students in the state are served by an REA. Each REA offers unique program and services based on the needs of the region and they strive to offer high-quality programs and services that are delivered in the areas of professional development, technology support, data system support, school improvement support, and curriculum enrichment. Beginning in 2011, all the REAs began working toward consistent offerings of high-quality programs and services in the areas of professional development, technology support, data systems support, school improvement support, and curriculum enrichment.

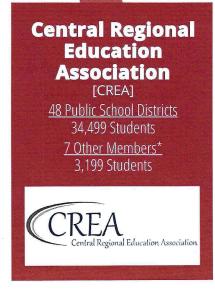


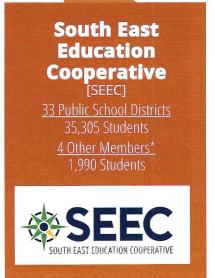












#### **ConnectEd** [NESC]



The NESC supports ND educators in their efforts to provide high-quality, extended day programming for students through live lessons & instructional resources in the areas of STEAM & Problem-based Learning, 21st Century Skills & the 4Cs, Career Exploratior & Community Partners, & Social & Emotional Learning. Weekly synchronous & asynchronous opportunities are available for K-E students statewide. This is possible through partnerships with NESC 21st Century Community Learning Centers & ND Afterschoo Network & is supported in part by a ND Council on the Arts grant which receives funding from the state legislature & the Nationa Endowment for the Arts. Resources and lesson schedules are available at <a href="https://sites.google.com/nescnd.org/nescconnected">https://sites.google.com/nescnd.org/nescconnected</a>.

#### ND Educational Hub [NCEC]



The ND Educational Hub (NCEC) — The ND Educational Hub provides educators and school districts a cost effective and convenient way to learn and grow together. In 2017, NCEC began providing virtual professional learning communities for educators, which then grew to include online professional development and book reads. The ND Educational Hub allows educators who may be isolated and often singletons in rural schools the opportunity to learn alongside other educators like them. Educators can take classes at their convenience with no travel or subs required. In 2020, interest in the Hub expanded to include visitors from 46 states and 15 countries with users taking 31 classes earning 263 professional learning credits during the 2019-2020 school year.

#### Passion & Purpose for Teaching & Learning [RRVEC]



The RRVEC provides quality learning experiences that promote innovation and success in our schools. Collaborative efforts include Career Exploration, Technology services, and ongoing professional development aligned to principal and teacher support. Examples include instructional rounds, proficiency scale collaboration, and standards-referenced implementation.

#### North Dakota Public Health Insurance Trust (NDPHIT) [SEEC]



The SEEC has worked diligently over the past couple of years to address the need for more competitive health insurance options for public schools across North Dakota. After selecting to work with health insurance consultant, Hays Companies, it was determined that forming a Voluntary Employee Benefit Association (VEBA) trust would give us the flexibility and savings to meet our schools need. During our initial start-up work, we found an additional partner in the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF) and their members. In Dec. 2020, the first board meeting was held and on Jan. 1, 2021 NDPHIT launched with over 1,100 individuals from public entities across the state. NDPHIT's next step is to focus on educating schools on NDPHIT and benefit options including medical, dental, vision, life, disability, COBRA, flexible spending cafeteria plans and health savings accounts. New members to NDPHIT would begin their benefit period Oct. 1, 2021.

#### Pathways to Reading (PTR) [RESP]



PTR, a curriculum for beginning readers in grades K-2 and struggling readers in upper grades, asks the critical question, "What must be learned in order to transform the printed letters on the page to words that have meaning?" It's primary focus, guided by 40+ years of research, is to help teachers understand, and apply in the classroom, five scientifically validated core components of the reading process: phonemic awareness; phonics; fluency; vocabulary; and comprehension. RESP training reached six member districts with small/large group instructional strategies, assessments and lesson plans.

#### ND eCARE School Health Program [CREA]



The ND eCARE School Health Program provides or extends school nursing services via a telehealth (live audio/video) platform in an affordable manner to increase access to healthcare for under-served ND students. The goal of the program is to minimize health-related barriers to learning by providing safe, effective care from an experienced school nurse to keep students in school and caregivers at work.

#### **Great Northwest Scrubs Camp** [GNWEC]



The Great Northwest Scrubs Camp was attended by 187 students from 10 school districts in Northwest ND for a day of health career exploration. Students chose eight sessions from the 15 stations on health careers taught by 38 presenters. This event provides 7th grade students hands on opportunities in the health career fields they might be interested in learning more about. The GNWEC received the "R-COOL-Health Scrubs Camp of the Year" award for 2017 for hosting the Scrubs Camp deemed as the top camp of the year.



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