

I write again SB 2013 in its elimination of funding for the Northern Plains and Red River Valley Writing Projects. These projects both serve students, teachers, and the entire state. For years they have gathered teachers together to share what works well in their classrooms, and to undertake research to create new and up to date lesson plans, so that they keep their edge as professionals. The 200 plus Writing Projects across the nation operate according to the belief that the best people to teach teachers is teachers themselves, and that has proven a valid assertion time and again. And teachers spread the wealth—to other teachers and school systems, and to the state and nation as a whole, through student who must know how to communicate in both written and oral form in order to keep society going forward. These Writing Projects in our state took a hit financially, as North Dakota took a hit financially. Since then, they have been building back, and continue to expand their operations for the greater good. Why would we shut this down? Sincerely, Robert Kibler