

## Testimony for Budget Section – June 22, 2010

### Statewide Longitudinal Data System

In 2007, the ND Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) Committee was created to plan and budget for a Statewide Longitudinal Data System. The SLDS will allow analysis of data from a number of entities including pre-K, K-12, higher education, job service, workforce development, and human services, for the purpose of improving education and other state services that are designed to prepare citizens for productive lives. The SLDS Committee has made significant progress in planning and developing the system. The following timeline illustrates progress to date.

1. December 2008 – Executive branch recommended \$2.2 M to fund the implementation of a statewide longitudinal data system.
2. February 2009 - America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) enacted.
3. April 2009 – Legislature established the SLDS committee and appropriated \$2.2 M in contingent general funds in the event an ARRA grant is unsuccessful.
4. July-December 2009 – SLDS Committee developed and approved a SLDS grant application for ARRA funds.
5. December 2009 – Application submitted for ARRA grant to build a statewide longitudinal data system for pre-kindergarten, K-12, higher education, and workforce.
6. May 21, 2010 – Notification received that ND did not receive ARRA grant.
7. September 2011 – Reporting deadline. The ARRA stabilization dollars for education, \$85 M, accepted by the State in 2009 requires the State to develop a statewide longitudinal data system and report in several areas that previously have not been collected or reported. The SLDS will be able to collect and report on the longitudinal data needed to meet those ARRA requirements.

In order to continue development of the SLDS as approved by the 2009 legislature, the following request is made for those contingency funds approved by the legislature.

#### Statewide Longitudinal Data System Budget

Hardware	35,000
Software	100,000
Master Client Index	405,830
Implementation	600,000
Program Manager	167,464
Project Management	78,036
Consulting	
Establish Data Standards & Quality	285,000
Data Integration	199,500
Align Student Identifiers	42,000
Report Development	191,650
Ongoing Maintenance	159,403
	\$2,263,883

**Coordination of SLDS Committee with DPI's data warehouse initiative.**

In March 20, 2009 DPI was awarded an NCES grant of \$6.8 M to build a K-12 data warehouse (ndSLEDS). DPI's data initiative is specifically focused on K-12 data collection and reporting. Members of the SLDS Committee serve on the steering committee for the K-12 data system and DPI representatives serve on the SLDS Committee. Progress of ndSLEDS to date includes daily automated uploads from PowerSchool to the K-12 data warehouse. These types of automation will, not only collect the increased reporting requirements of ARRA, but will significantly reduce the manual data reporting that exists today.

The NCES grant to DPI assists the State in meeting some of the ARRA requirements. However, obligations do remain that can only be accomplished through additional longitudinal data collected on pre-kindergarten, K-12, higher education, and workforce – the purpose of the SLDS.

Respectfully submitted,

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