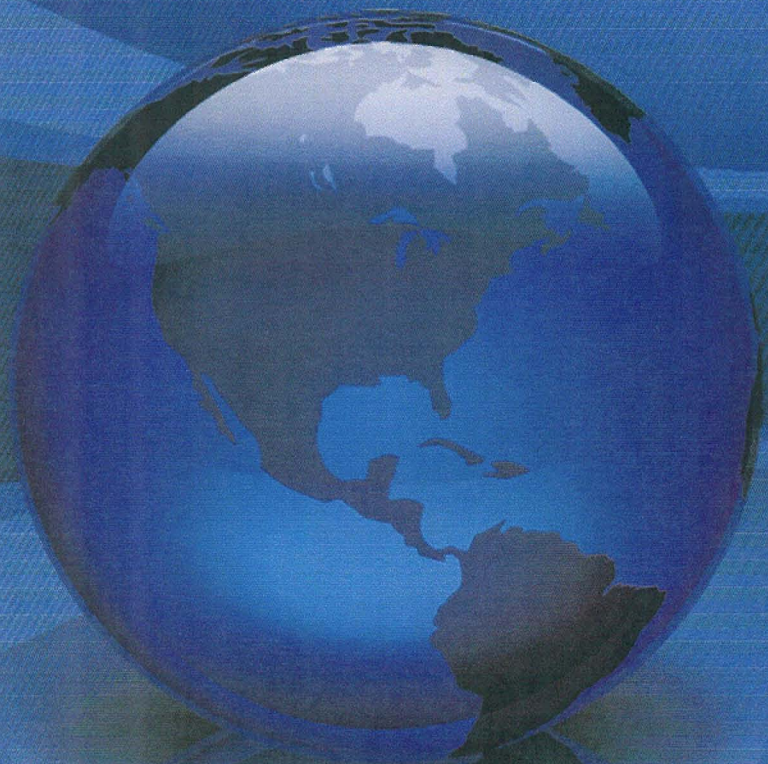
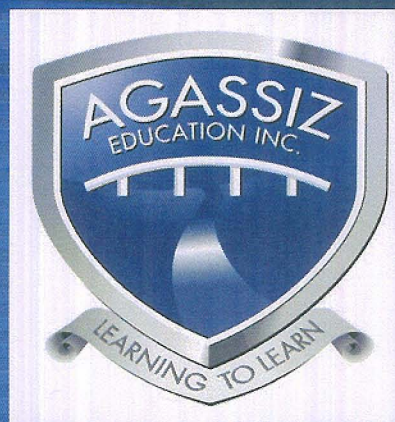


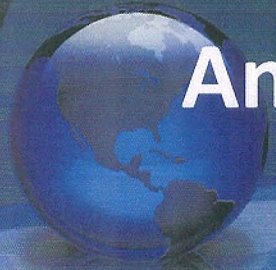
# Agassiz Education, Inc. a Sterling School



June 8, 2010



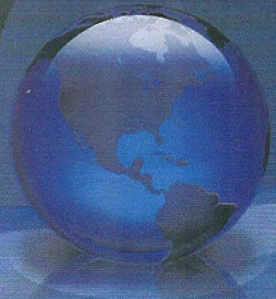




## An Overview of Agassiz Education, Inc.

- Currently located in St. Vincent, Minnesota
- 25 students in grades 6-12
- 4 full-time teachers, plus 2 part-time teachers
- 2 additional classes taught by certified teachers on Virtual Classroom



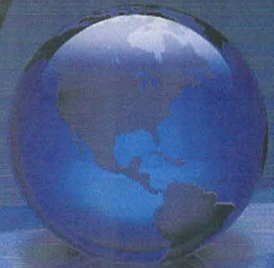


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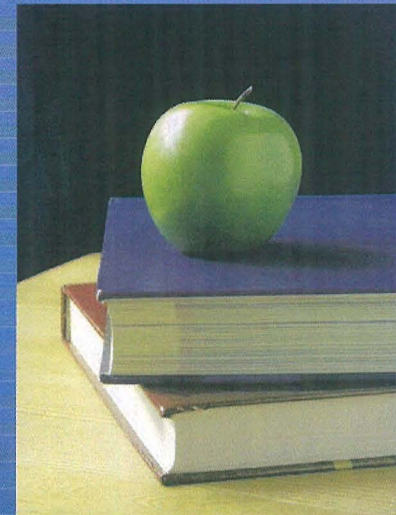
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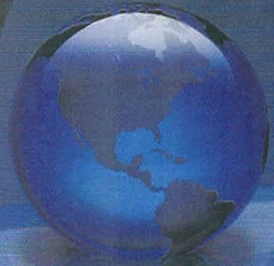


# Our Staff

- Mike Carpenter, Principal and Teacher
  - Certified in Elementary Education
- Sonja Klein, Teacher
  - Certified in Elementary Education
- Stacie Johnson, Teacher
  - Certified in Secondary Education, ELA
- Kari Helgoe, Teacher
  - Degree in Mass Communications
- Vanessa Hufford (part-time)
  - Music instructor
- Brian Pastir (part-time)
  - Certified band instructor



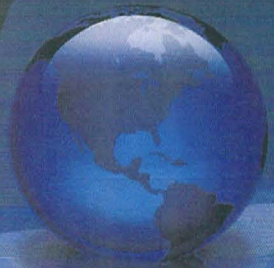




# Sterling Education, Inc.

- Sterling Education, Inc. was established in 2004 to support local campuses
- Sterling provides uniformity in terms of:
  - Scheduling (VC)
  - Calendar
  - Curriculum and resources
  - Special Education Services (Special Ed Coordinators, Reading Plus, Accelerated Math)
  - Professional Development
  - Policy
  - [www.sterlinged.org](http://www.sterlinged.org)

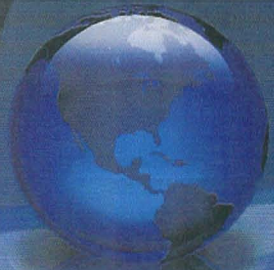




# Our Mission

The mission of Sterling Education is to serve the brethren community by providing a cooperative, secure learning environment where students can achieve measurable academic success and become productive, contributing members of the community.

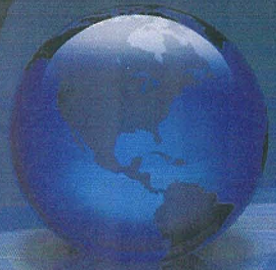




# Our Vision

Sterling Education's vision is to become a premier educational institution where it provides a motivational, safe, and positive environment that upholds a high moral standard. All campuses will be provided with a uniform, quality education that has adequate funding to offer state-of-the-art tools and resources that will produce high-quality results. Sterling Education is committed to continual improvement, clear expectations, and clear communication to all stakeholders

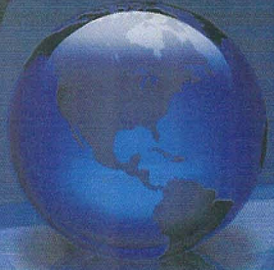




## Sterling Education, cont.

- Currently 36 schools across North America
  - 25 schools in 19 states in US
  - 11 schools in 6 provinces in Canada
- Approximately 800 students in grades 3-12
- All schools are connected by Virtual Classroom





# Virtual Classroom

- In 2007, all schools were connected via Tandberg Videoconferencing equipment
- This has enabled Sterling to provide high-quality instruction to all campuses, by sharing qualified staff
- We currently run in excess of 70 classes on VC each week.

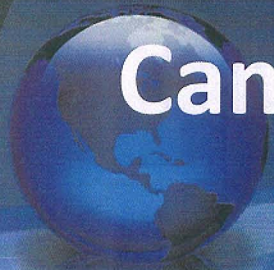




# University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)

- In 2006, Sterling adopted a challenging international curriculum, offered through the prestigious University of Cambridge
- CIE operates in 9,000 schools in 161 countries around the world.
- Find more information at: [www.cie.org.uk](http://www.cie.org.uk)
- All Sterling schools are registered Cambridge International Examinations centers





# Cambridge Lower Secondary Program

- Framework for education for students approximately 11-14 years old (grades 6-8)
- Provides curriculum in an international context
- It is available for the core subjects of Mathematics, English, and Science
- The Checkpoint tests provide an external benchmark highlighting strengths and weaknesses of individual students and also teaching groups
- The tests cover all major areas of learning required in the first year of an international secondary education

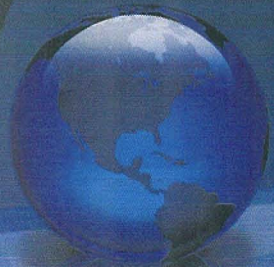




# International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)

- International curriculum targeted for 14-16 year olds (grades 9 & 10)
- Develops skills in creative thinking, problem solving, and inquiry
- 70 courses are offered over a wide variety of academic subjects
- Prepares students for the next level of education (AS/A Level)
- Equips students with skills for immediate employment

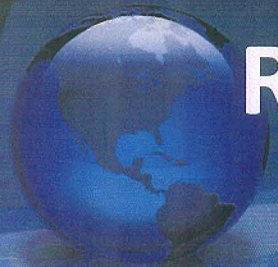




## Advanced Subsidiary (AS) & Advanced (A) Level

- Equivalent to university level academics, comparable to Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate
- Recognized by many universities in the US for one year's credit
  - Harvard
  - Yale
  - University of Michigan
- The content is created for an international audience, taking into consideration the wide variety of CIE schools worldwide, and avoiding any cultural bias
- Over 65 courses at AS/A Level.

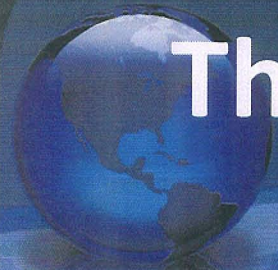




## Recent CIE Achievements (2008)

- Two students earned “Top in the USA” awards:
  - One in IGCSE Business Studies
  - One in IGCSE Combined Science
- 17 students earned the “Cambridge Scholar Award,” which recognizes high achievement in three or more IGCSE examinations (A\*, A or B grade)
- 1 student won the world-wide “Cambridge 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Competition” with her writing entry on “The Best Thing I Learned This Year.”





# The Future of Sterling Education

- In March 2009 we began researching accreditation organizations, and narrowed our search to AdvancED
- Sterling is currently working on a plan to achieve accreditation
- We intend to offer courses for post-graduate studies in years 13+.





# Brethren Schools Around the World

- Brethren schools are not just found in North America but also in Australia, New Zealand, England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Argentina, the Caribbean and several European countries.





## Current Funding for Agassiz Education

- Our community is represented by 17 businesses and 5 farming operations.
- We employ 108 people in these businesses, most of whom are indigenous to North Dakota.
- We contribute \$95,000 through property taxes annually to the public school system (ND District 100).
- We are also currently funding our own private school.



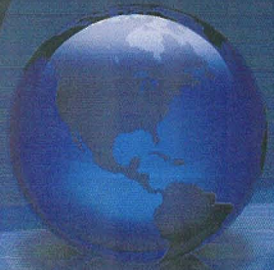


## Sample: Two Brethren Businesses in North Dakota

- Located in Nече, ND
  - 25 employees
  - a rotational molding facility that supplies top-quality storage and transportation tanks, sprayers, livestock equipment, and other agricultural equipment
- Located in Pembina, ND
  - 17 full time + 3 part time employees
  - manufacturer of labels for use with electronic information systems in the healthcare industry





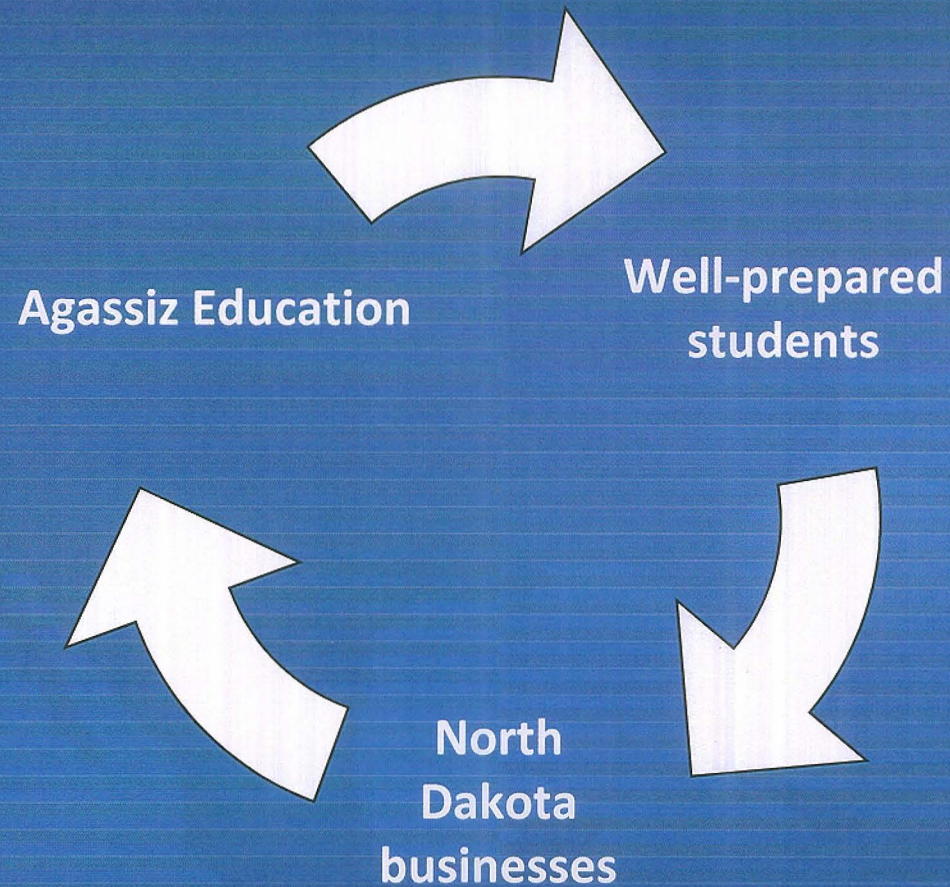


# Conclusion

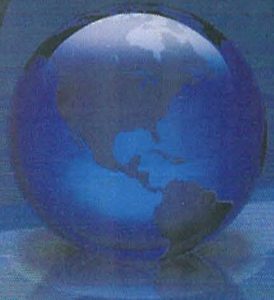
- In the next few years the number of elementary students will triple and the number of students in grades 6-12 will also grow significantly.
- Because of this, we are interested in obtaining a high quality facility with complete amenities for the best possible learning atmosphere for our students.
- We would like to re-locate our school to North Dakota.



# The Cyclical Effect







# Question

Agassiz, along with Sterling, is committed to high standards of education for our students.

We'd like this to be in conjunction with the State of North Dakota.

Can we count on your support?



# Thank you!

- Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you today.

