

Educational Technology Council Report

- NDETC Director Hired
 - Darin King
 - Technology Director for Grand Forks Public Schools
 - Starting date – August 15, 2012
- Viewpoint contract renewed
 - Local school data warehouse
 - License pricing stable
 - ITD offered 50% reduction in hosting fees

EduTech

- The PowerSchool team continues to implement the legislatively mandated common student information system in all schools.
 - 159 public schools are currently on PowerSchool (93,000 students)
 - 8 additional schools will be added by September 2012
 - 8 remaining schools will be live by February 1, 2013
- E-rate
 - ND State Application was selected for a consortium review.
 - Three rounds of inquiry were held and application was cleared.
 - Wave 1 announcement of funding for current year was set to be announced June 17 but delayed indefinitely

EduTech

- RUS grant
 - New equipment has been purchased and install is in process.
- In preparation for the 2014 launch of state assessments based on the common core standards, a Technology Readiness Tool has been developed that will determine if and when schools are technically ready to use an online state assessment.
 - EduTech continues to lead a team of stakeholders to inform and support schools during this process.
 - Team developed online resources to make the process easier for schools and offers support via the EduTech Help Desk.
 - ND received recognition for being a state with high participation in the first wave of data submission.

ND Center for Distance Education

- Implementation of the Education Alliance with the ND Small Organized Schools (110 member schools and growing).
- Delivery of a two-graduate credit course (in cooperation NDSU) to develop online teaching skills of ND teachers “Best Practice for Teaching Online”.
- Continued delivery of free online courses to adults so they can evaluate the courses’ appropriateness for their kids and their schools – to great success.
- Development of a proposal with the College Board to bring Advanced Placement (AP) courses to 1,000 ND students per year and train 90 ND teachers per year to help carry out the work.

ND Center for Distance Education

- Finalization of CDE's reorganization, including its new, integrated, digital infrastructure.
- Training of teachers and administrators to use an online professional development program – PD360 and Observer360 (and obtaining college credits via UND for course work completed).
- A record summer school enrollment with enrollments that continue to come in.
- An estimated \$150,000 savings to ND students and schools enrolling in ND CDE classes due to lower prices and high efficiencies.
- A 30% increase in ND students receiving courses from ND CDE.