



# Presentation to the Information Technology Committee

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Harvest Room, State Capitol



Jody French

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- Dan Pullen, ND ETC Director since 2001, passed away on February 13, 2012.
  - The ND ETC has a policy in place for emergency succession. Jody French was appointed to serve as interim director until the position is filled.
  - A search committee will be formed at the May 3, 2012 ND ETC meeting to begin the process of filling the Director position.

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- Classroom Transformation Grants were awarded to 6 schools – \$349,000.
  - Site visits will be made by the ETC interim director this month as projects are in progress by teachers and students.
- Century Link Grants were awarded to 5 schools – \$25,000.
  - Grant awards were limited to teachers in those 24 school buildings in Qwest/CenturyLink service areas.
- US Department of Agriculture RUS grant awarded – \$658,236.00
  - Grant allows us to upgrade 48 video classrooms in the state.
- The ND State Technology plan will be updated to cover the period of July 2012 through June 2015. ND is required to have a state technology plan to sync with school tech plans held by schools who apply for Priority 2 E-rate discounts.

# EduTech

- The PowerSchool team continues to implement the legislatively mandated common student information system in all schools.
  - 160 public schools are currently on PowerSchool (91,324 students)
  - 7 additional schools will be added by September 2012
  - All public schools will be on PowerSchool by July 30, 2013
- 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 is leading a team of state leaders to inform and support schools during this process. Online testing will begin in Fall 2014.

# EduTech

- E-rate
  - The State of North Dakota has submitted 3 E-rate applications for a total of \$4,356,787.96 of pre-discounted funding requests.
  - There were 249 Form 470's submitted this year compared to 220 forms last year.
- Active Directory (AD)
  - The pilot project is wrapping up and EduTech is making plans to deliver AD services to all public schools.
  - EduTech services will be accessed via these accounts and schools will see benefits at their local buildings.

# ND Center for Distance Education

- Formation of an Education Alliance with the ND Small Organized Schools (110 member schools)
- Development of two graduate credit courses (in cooperation with UND and NDSU) to develop online teaching skills in ND teachers
- Delivery of free online courses to adults so they can evaluate their appropriateness for their kids and their schools
- Joint planning with Williston schools to provide online solutions to help handle the influx of new students



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- Delivery of online high school courses to Sundale Hutterite Colony near Milnor
- Development of pilot courses: Online STEM – Sundale Colony; Online delivered professional development for teachers – Drayton, Wolford, Rollette, Rolla and CDE; Regional support of CDE online courses – western ND oil region
- Plans to support the Succeed 2020 project