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ND IT Committee Updates:

ND ETC

EduTech

ND Center for Distance Education

ND ETC 2011-12 Activities

- Classroom Transformation Grants - Competitive grants to support school adoption of digital content to replace traditional textbooks, and the use of one-to-one student devices and online or blended teaching/learning methods.
- Video Classroom Grants designed to upgrade video classrooms in schools. These grants have potential to be used in combination with a pending federal RUS grant to maximize the number of ND video classrooms upgraded.
- The 2009-2012 ND K12 Educational Technology Plan will be rewritten by July 2012.
- New 8th grade technology literacy benchmarks will be developed for ND schools.

EduTech

- PowerSchool will be implemented in all ND public schools by July 2013.
- 149 public schools are currently on PowerSchool (89,300 students)
- 7 additional schools will be added by January 2012.

EduTech - continued:

- ND K12 Active Directory Pilot Project
- Goal is to make many state-level education services available to K12 community through statewide active directory accounts.
- Beulah PS is the first pilot site. They will be using state active directory in the coming school year.
- Additional schools will be added as processes are refined

- E-rate support for schools will be reworked and improved to provide 24/7 support through online tutorials.

ND Center for Distance Education

- Beginning this fall, ND CDE will deliver all of its high school online courses using a new learning management system to better meet the needs of ND schools.

- ND CDE will partner with groups of small ND K12 schools to help them meet their needs for additional high school curriculum offerings and to fill a growing teacher shortage in critical areas.

ND Center for Distance Education – continued:

- CDE course offerings are available to help students across the state qualify for the North Dakota funded scholarship program.

- ND CDE will provide training to ND K12 teachers to increase their online teaching capabilities.