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Dear Members of the 68th Legislative Assembly:

Pursuant to the North Dakota Legislative Displaced Homemaker initiative (NDCC 14-06.1) the Department of Public Instruction provides the attached executive summary.

I hope you will find this executive summary informative. Should you have any questions, please contact Stanley Schauer, Assessment Director, at 701-328-2224 or <u>seschauer@nd.gov</u> or Sara Mitzel, Adult Education Program Manager, at 701-328-2271 or <u>simitzel@nd.gov</u>.

I thank you for your continued support for all educational programs.

Sincerely,

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Kirsten Baesler State Superintendent

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North Dakota's Displaced Homemaker Program [NDCC 14-06.1]

In 1979, HB 1921 provided the parameters of the Displaced Homemaker Program and its components of counseling and guidance, job readiness training, and services for displaced homemakers to enjoy the independence and economic security vital to a productive life and to improve the health and welfare of this ever-growing population of citizens. The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, Adult Education program, has been granted the authority under NDCC 14-06.1 to provide funding to the Adult Learning Centers, who provide services to individuals who qualify for academic and career related services.

The State Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction has the authority to direct funds and designates Adult Learning Centers (ALCs) to:

- Provide employment counseling; interpersonal skill building; job readiness, job search, and employability training; information and community referral services; and appropriate public information and community education.
- Include an outreach component capable of delivering the full range of services to groups of displaced homemakers in rural communities.
- Ensure that displaced homemakers receive information and referral services as necessary for preventive health care and consumer health education; money management and assistance programs; and higher education opportunities.
- An advisory committee consisting of one citizen member representing each region and two citizen members at large meet each year to review the law, update and provide public information and community education regarding Displaced Homemaker Program, and provide recommendations regarding planning, operation, and evaluation of the activities mandated.

	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023	TOTAL
Funds Granted to ALC's	\$72,000	\$96,000	\$ 168,000
Students Served	234 (190 female & 44 male)	182 (150 female & 32 male)	416*
Ages:			-
16-18	39	34*	
19-24	38	19*	
25-44	119	93*	416*
45-59	30	29*	
60 and older	8	7*	

* Through February 16, 2023