

MEMO

TO: School Principals

FROM: Connie Mittleider, Director of Teacher and School Effectiveness

DATE: October 17, 2011

RE: 2011-2012 School Approval Status

Congratulations on your approval status for the 2011-2012 school year. The enclosed Certificate of Approval attests to the approval status of your school for the 2011-2012 school year. Your school has satisfied the six requirements for public schools or the five requirements for nonpublic schools as outlined in NDCC 15.1-06 to meet the approval status.

Prior to the 2011 Legislative session, a school's foundation aid funding status was dependent on meeting accreditation criteria. As of July 1, 2011, this is no longer the case. Funding is now tied to approval. The current accreditation criteria have been suspended while the Department conducts an accreditation study. While this information will no longer be needed for a school accreditation review, the information collected in MIS Fall Reports by the Department is used by multiple units for both state and federal reporting. In addition, the Department may use this MIS Fall Report information for compliance monitoring.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 701-328-2755 or by e-mail: comittleider@nd.gov.

Enclosure