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State Superintendent

To: School District LEP/ELL Program Directors/School Contacts
From: Kerri Whipple, Assistant Director for ELL Programs, North Dakota Department of Public Instruction
RE: Title III Intent to Apply
Date: August 17, 2011

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) is inviting eligible entities to submit their intent to apply for Title III English Language Program Acquisition applications for school year 2011 - 2012. Title III of the No Child Left Behind Act provides supplementary funding for school districts or groups of school districts with students who qualify as Limited English proficient (LEP) or English Language Learners (ELLs). Entities eligible to apply for Title III funds include single school districts and multiple district consortia. ELLs will generate approximately \$88 per student. Grantees that have experienced a significant increase of new immigrants will receive an additional amount of approximately \$58 for each new immigrant student.

Please be aware that we are still awaiting final requests for funds from 2010-11 from some school districts. The final district/consortia allocation that includes reallocated funds has not been calculated at this time. In addition, the NDDPI has been able to collect New Immigrant data with more precision in order to include only those students who "have not been attending one or more schools in the United States for more than 3 full academic years" as required by No Child Left Behind. These factors have caused a decrease in the per-student estimated allocation. However, most districts are not seeing a decrease in their total allocation. This is due to a decrease in the total number of ELLs that are eligible for funding for the 2011-12 school year. The allocations will also be adjusted for non-participating districts after the Intent to Apply process is completed.

The attached estimated allocation is based on ELLs reported in the State Automated Reporting System (STARS) during the month of October 2010 and organized by Regional Education Association (REA). Title III of the No Child Left Behind Act requires a minimum grant award of \$10,000 (not including reallocated funds). Districts and REAs who generate less than \$10,000 are encouraged to combine with other districts or consortia to meet the minimum requirement.

In order to be included in the final allocation, you must email your Intent to Apply no later than **August 31st**. If your district will be applying under a consortium, the lead district can respond on behalf of all districts that are included. The names of all districts comprising the consortia must be included in the email. Final allocations will be recalculated after we know the 2011-2012 district/consortia makeup. Please send your email Intent to Apply response to kwhipple@nd.gov.

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The Title III application process will continue in paper format for 2011-12. The actual Title III paper application will be due by Thursday, **September 15th**. It is anticipated that the Title III application process will completely be integrated into the consolidated application beginning with the 2012-13 school year. **Please hold off on the budget section of your application until final allocations are determined and announced.**

We look forward to working with you in the upcoming school year. Please contact Kerri Whipple with any questions regarding the Title III application process.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerri Whipple", enclosed within a circular scribble.

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