Minnesota Department of Education

MDE Weekly Superintendent Mail

TO: Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Commissioner

DATE: January 26, 2012

MDE NEWS AND INFORMATION

PRESS RELEASE

- ***Two More Charter School Authorizers Approved by Minnesota Department of Education***

  Two new authorizers were approved by Commissioner Brenda Cassellius on January 19, 2012. They are the Germanic-American Institute and St. Catherine University. See the January 26 press release.

ACTION ITEM

- ***Nonpublic Pupil Aids; Promulgation of Fiscal Year 2013 Program***

  See the memorandum from Greg Sogaard, education finance specialist, Division of School Finance, regarding the above-mentioned matter. Please distribute this information to your district administrator for nonpublic pupil aids.

  For assistance with questions, contact Greg Sogaard at greg.sogaard@state.mn.us or 651-582-8858.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ***Two Webinars for New MDE Website: February 2 and February 6***

  - **Thursday, February 2, 2012 – Website Overview for Schools**
    The MDE Analytics team is presenting a webinar that will give schools and districts an overview of the new MDE website. Time: **3:30 p.m**., Central Standard Time (Chicago, GMT-06:00); Meeting Number: **809 876 644**; Meeting Password: (Not required for this meeting.) **To join the online meeting** (Now available from mobile devices!), go to the MDE Webex Session Site. If requested, enter your

name and e-mail address. Click "Join." Follow the instructions that appear on your screen.

To join the **teleconference only**, call-in toll-free number: **1-888-742-5095** (US); Conference Code: **969 512 6753**

- **Monday, February 6, 2012 – Data Reports and Analytics for Schools**

  The MDE Analytics team is presenting a webinar on February 6 that will provide schools and districts with more detailed information about new reports in the Data Center and focuses on how to use the analysis features of these reports. Time: **3:00 p.m.**, Central Standard Time (Chicago, GMT-06:00); Meeting Number: **808 309 268**; Meeting Password: (Not required for this meeting.) **To join the online meeting** (Now available from mobile devices!), go to the MDE Webex Session Site. If requested, enter your name and e-mail address. Click "Join."

  To join the **teleconference only**, call-in toll-free number: **1-888-742-5095** (US); Conference Code: **969 512 6753**

For assistance, go to the MDE Webex Meeting Center Site. On the left navigation bar, click "Support."

A new listserv has been formed called "MDE Analytics" for individuals who are interested in receiving updated information about the Data Center, data files and reports, and upcoming trainings. To join the listserv, please e-mail your contact information to anne.sheridan@state.mn.us. For assistance with questions about these webinars, contact anne.sheridan@state.mn.us.

- ***Survey – "Bullying: True Stories" DVD***

  In November, the Minnesota Department of Education mailed a copy of the DVD "Bullying: True Stories," and the booklet "Words Can Work: When Talking About Bullying," generously provided by 3M. Please take a minute to complete the 8-question survey about these materials. Feedback from your students is valuable too, so a 5-question survey is available for them, or you can print the surveys and mail them to Words Can Work, PO Box 1402, Gloucester, MA 01930. Your responses will be included in the report to 3M Foundation. Please show them your appreciation for the resources by taking a few minutes to complete the surveys. Thank you.

- ***Minnesota Board of Teaching Licensure Actions***

  The Minnesota Board of Teaching has taken the following licensure actions:

  - Brigham, Rebecca (FF # 403546) Ms. Brigham's Minnesota teaching license has been reinstated.
  - Brucker, Christopher (FF # 427756) Mr. Brucker's teaching license was suspended on January 16, 2012, until he meets requirements of the Board of Teaching.
  - Ericson, Mary (FF # 327303) Ms. Ericson's Minnesota teaching license has been reinstated.

- Famodu, Babatunde (FF # 364992) Mr. Famodu's teaching license was suspended on December 27, 2011, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 270C.72, until he meets requirements of the Board of Teaching.
- Hammer, Nancy (FF # 153826) Ms. Hammer's teaching license was suspended on December 18, 2011, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 270C.72, until she meets requirements of the Board of Teaching.
- Heinrich, Donna (FF # 340687) Ms. Heinrich's Minnesota teaching license has been reinstated.
- Kosbau, Gregory (FF # 412452) Mr. Kosbau's teaching license was suspended on January 20, 2012, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 270C.72, until he meets requirements of the Board of Teaching.
- Ottum, Linda (FF # 284962) Ms. Ottum's teaching license was suspended on January 13, 2012, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 270C.72, until she meets requirements of the Board of Teaching.
- Provolt, Tyler (FF # 444814) Mr. Provolt's teaching license was suspended on January 16, 2012, until he meets requirements of the Board of Teaching.
- Rhoades, Lois (FF # 426584) Mr. Rhoades's teaching license was suspended on December 18, 2011, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 270C.72, until she meets requirements of the Board of Teaching.
- Yoney, Erika (FF # 448754) Ms. Yoney's Minnesota teaching license has been reinstated.

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