Minnesota Department of Education

MDE Weekly Superintendent Mail

TO: Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Commissioner

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MDE NEWS AND INFORMATION

ANNOUNCEMENT

- ***Commissioner's Dialogue with Superintendents Conference Call & WebEx***

  Thank you for participating in yesterday's conference call sessions, during which Sam Kramer presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the NCLB waiver and Minnesota's proposed accountability system. These sessions were not recorded, but more may be scheduled for future dates. As was mentioned during the conference calls, you will be able to find more information, including FAQs and the PowerPoint on the NCLB Waiver Workgroup web page. If you do not see the answer to your question in the FAQ document, submit your question to mde.nclbwaiver@state.mn.us.

PRESS RELEASE

- ***Launch of Minnesota's Adopt-A-School Initiative***

  Governor Dayton and Commissioner Cassellius launched the Adopt-a-School initiative Tuesday at South Education Center in Richfield. The Adopt-A-School initiative seeks to encourage businesses to step up and help support local schools and provide learning opportunities for students. Resources and a tool kit are available to help potential partnerships get started. Read February 14 news release. Visit Adopt-A-School website.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ***Second Annual Minnesota Bullying Prevention Summit – March 5, 2012***

  The second annual Minnesota Bullying Prevention Summit will be held Monday, March 5, 2012, at the University of Minnesota's McNamara Center, Minneapolis — sponsored by the Minnesota Principals Associations and the Hazelden Foundation!

Topics for the day-long conference include implementing a bullying prevention program district-wide, bullying and students with disabilities, bullying and homophobia, formative discipline for bullying interventions, suicide prevention, and teen dating violence intervention. Register online.

- ***Minnesota eLearning Summit – July 25-26, 2012***

  Put the Minnesota eLearning Summit on your calendar! This annual event offers a terrific gathering place for educators, innovators, and workplace developers for effective learning and use of technology in the Upper Midwest!

  The Summit is a collaborative event sponsored by the MN Learning Commons, University of Minnesota, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, eFolioWorld, CENTSS, and Avenet Web Solutions. This year's theme, "Convergence is Key," aims to bring together ideas, issues and resource solutions to share what's working to reach 21st century learners.

  Workshop proposals are now being accepted and will be reviewed for their influence in the areas of eFolio, eLearning, eServices, and eTools and Resources.

  Summit dates are **July 25 and 26**. Host site: Northwestern College; St. Paul, MN. Registration for the 2012 Summit will be opened soon. For more information, visit the Minnesota Learning Commons website.

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

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

  - ***Ahmed, Selam*** (FF 464011) On February 10, 2012, the Board of Teaching adopted Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order denying Mr. Selam's application for a teaching license for a period of one year.
  - ***Copenhaver, Ryan*** (FF 462627) On February 10, 2012, the Board of Teaching adopted Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order denying Mr. Copenhaver's application for a teaching license.
  - ***Kielsa, Kari Jo*** (FF 301291) On February 10, 2012, the Board of Teaching adopted a Stipulation Agreement in which Ms. Kielsa's teaching license will be suspended until August 1, 2013, and until she can meet other requirements of the Board.
  - ***Lee, Ian Yau-Shin*** (464651) On February 10, 2012, the Board of Teaching adopted Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order denying Mr. Lee's application for a teaching license.
  - ***Shepard, Brad*** (FF 464349) On February 10, 2012, the Board of Teaching adopted Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order denying Mr. Shepard's application for a teaching license.
  - ***Starr, Dwayne*** (FF 447220) On February 10, 2012, the Board of Teaching adopted Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order denying Mr. Starr's application to renew his teaching license for a period of one year.

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