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Special Education Director Call

December 2013

Merry Christmas

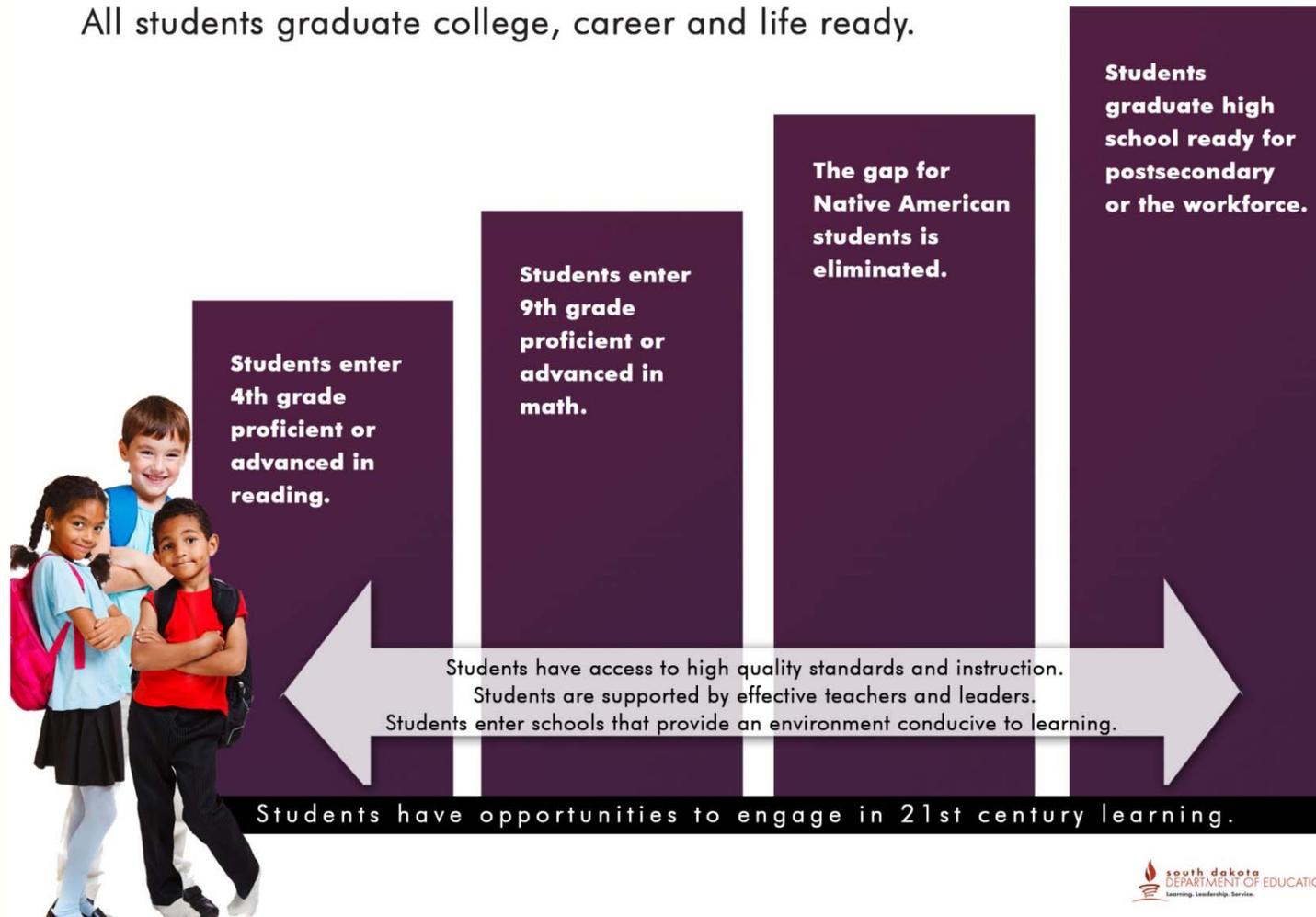


It has been a pleasure to work with you this last year.

Special Education Programs Staff

College, Career and Life Ready

All students graduate college, career and life ready.





Proficiency in Reading
by 4th Grade

Proficiency in Math
by 9th Grade

Alternate Assessment Updates

- Districts still need to register to take part in the NCSC Alternate Assessment Pilot Test at:
www.ctb.com/NCSCPilot
- Teachers and students will have opportunity to administer new assessment without being held accountable this year
- Opportunity to provide feedback before the assessment is finalized

NCSC Pilot-Technology Specs

The NCSC Pilot will not be supporting tablets. The specs are posted on the public web site at:

<http://www.ncscpartners.org/> on the right hand side;

2nd entry

This link works directly:

<http://www.ncscpartners.org/news/ncsc-updates-and-clarifies-the-technology-specifications-necessary-to-support-the-spring-2014-pilot>

January Alternate Assessment Road Show

- **Monday** 1/6/14 -Rapid City
- **Tuesday** 1/7/14 -Fort Pierre
- **Wednesday** 1/8/14 -Aberdeen
- **Thursday** 1/9/14 -Sioux Falls

Session 1: Test Administrator Training (Pearson)
NCSC Pilot Test Updates

Session 2: NCSC Instructional Materials

Accommodations

- For SBAC
 - SBAC Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodation Guidelines - <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>
 - SBAC Frequently Asked Questions - <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>
 - SD (SBAC) Q&A document – to be released soon
 - Review IEP's to make sure assessment accommodations meet requirements for the state testing

February SBAC and D-Step Science Roadshow

- **Monday 2/24/14** -Rapid City
- **Tuesday 2/25/14** -Fort Pierre
- **Wednesday 2/26/14** -Aberdeen
- **Thursday 2/27/14** -Sioux Falls

Topics covered include:

- D-Step Science materials and test administration
- SBAC Field Test administration
- SBAC Training Modules



College and Career Ready

Students graduate high school ready
for postsecondary or the workforce

New Look to TSLP Website



The screenshot shows the homepage of the TSLP website. At the top left, a black banner contains the text "Linking to services" in a white, cursive font. To the right is a navigation menu with orange and blue tabs for "HOME", "STUDENTS", "PARENTS", "SCHOOLS", "AGENCIES", and "EVENTS". Below the menu is a secondary navigation bar with links: "Catch The Wave | YLF | Project Skills | Resources | Gallery | Contacts". The main content area features a large logo on the left, a stylized figure in blue and orange with a star above its head. To the right of the logo, the text "TSLP" is displayed in large blue letters, with "Transition Services Liaison Project" underneath in a smaller black font. Below this are three columns, each with a photo and a heading: "STUDENTS" with a photo of two young women, "PARENTS" with a photo of two women, and "SCHOOLS" with a photo of a man. Each column contains a short paragraph of text and a blue button with a white double arrow icon.

Linking to services

HOME | STUDENTS | PARENTS | SCHOOLS | AGENCIES | EVENTS

Catch The Wave | YLF | Project Skills | Resources | Gallery | Contacts



TSLP

Transition Services
Liaison Project

STUDENTS
What do you want to be when you grow up? The time in your life when you have to come up with answers to this question is quickly approaching for you!

PARENTS
Are you ready to start the process of your student transitioning into the adult world? With direction, support and a good plan, it can be a rewarding and successful journey!!

SCHOOLS
Help students "find their dreams", and provide opportunities for students to discover for themselves what they can do, or could possibly do with further education or training.

Youth Leadership Forum

- Applications for YLF is due December 20, 2013.
- Video and information can be viewed at <http://www.tslp.org/YLF.htm>
- **Applying for YLF - Transition Activity Idea**

Save the Date for Catch the Wave

- Transition Activity Idea

Catch The Wave 2014

Location	Region	Date	Time
Brookings, SDSU	South East	3/17/2014	9:00am-3:00pm
Mitchell, MTI	South Central	3/19/2014	9:00am-3:00pm
Aberdeen, NSU	North Central	3/6/2014	9:00am-3:00pm
Rapid City, SDSM&T and WDT	Western	3/31/14	9:00am-2:30pm



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DATA INFORMATION



Child Count

- Most child count reports and sign off sheets have now been sent to the districts
 - Contact Susan Woodmansey if not received
- Sign off extended to January 10



Private School Child Count

- Used for Federal Reporting of Child Count
- Proportionate Share funding
- All students, who are eligible, are placed on the count whether receiving services or not.
- Preschool children: Regular child count

- Email went out on Nov. 27th to each district with a non-public school
- Spreadsheet can be found at http://doe.sd.gov/oess/sped_idea.aspx
- Need to be submitted by Jan. 10, 2014
- Submit to Beth.Schiltz@state.sd.us



Parent Surveys

- 12-13 Indicator 8 reports were sent out
- If you need additional surveys, please contact, do not make copies
- Provide the option to participate online:
 - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q6JW6HJ>
 - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MJNWNVJ>
- Contact: Alicia.Schoenhard@state.sd.us



Dropout Prevention Call

- Thursday, January 9
- Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) – Renee Vander Werff and Neil Goter, Wagner
- Stephanie Weideman, Dropout Prevention Coordinator
605-252-8292
- [Join the meeting.](#)
Audio Information
Telephone conferencing
Use the information below to connect:
Toll-free: +1 (866) 410-8397
Participant code: 6057738195

Special Education Conference

- March 25 and 26 in Pierre
- Dan Habib is the keynote speaker
 - Including Samuel
 - Who Cares for Kelsey?
- Strands
 - Transition
 - Technology
 - School Climate
 - Accommodations and Modifications

Education Summer Conference

- June 3 and 4 in Pierre
- Differentiated instruction
- Family engagement

Top 20

July 21-25

Rapid and Sioux Falls

Rebecca.cain@state.sd.us



Save the Date

- Indicator 6, 7, 11, and 12 Training
 - January 22nd, 2014 3pm to 5pm CST
 - Indicator 6 – Preschool LRE
 - Indicator 7 – Preschool Outcomes and Battelle Developmental Inventory 2 (BDI-2)
 - Indicator 11 – Initial Evaluations ages 3-21
 - Indicator 12 – Effective Transitions (Part C to B)
- Topics to be covered:
 - Overview of the indicators and the requirements
 - Demonstration/Examples on how to complete spreadsheets for Indicator 11 & 12
 - Updates for 2013 - 2014
 - BDI-2 requirements
- Use the monthly sped director links to access the webinar/call
- Contact Wendy Jarvis at wendy.jarvis@state.sd.us with questions



December Behavior Tip: Teaching Expectations,

- Take students to each area and teach what is expected in that area
- Post the expectations and review as needed
- If issues start to arise in certain areas, take class and teach again
- Role play



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SPECIAL EDUCATION SPECIFIC



BDI-2 Q&A

3-5 Eligibility Q&A

- Reminder there are 2 new documents under the Early Intervention (Section 619) site:
http://doe.sd.gov/oess/sped_earlyIntervention619.aspx
 - Battelle Q&A
 - BDI Specific Questions
 - Data Manager Questions
 - 3-5 Year Old Eligibility Q&A
 - General Eligibility Questions
 - DD Eligibility Questions
 - BDI-2 specific eligibility questions



Recognition

Jacob Moser from Highmore used assistive tech to light the trees at the Capitol during the annual tree lighting ceremony.



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Next Sped Directors LiveMeeting

January 21, 2014

10:00 CST