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Dr. Douglas Sullivan, Superintendent
Dickinson Public Schools
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RE: 2017-2018 Adult Education monitoring

Dear Dr. Sullivan:

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, Adult Education staff monitored the Region VIII Adult Education program to monitor the federal Title II – Adult Education requirements on October 3-4, 2017.

The monitoring summary is divided into three sections: commendations, recommendations, and compliance. Recommendations are not required to be corrected or addressed, but brought to your attention knowing that solutions will lead to a stronger program for both students and the Adult Learning Center's core outcomes. Any issues identified under compliance must have an action plan submitted to DPI within 30 days to begin the negotiation process. At any time, our office can be contacted for further information and technical assistance to help achieve your goals.

Commendations:

- The Dickinson Adult Learning Center and its satellite programs in Bowman and Beulah/Hazen are exemplary! The leadership and vision is positioned to change the economic marketplace across the region and meet employer demands and also affect individual change and growth. Dickinson Public Schools is to be commended for their support of the ALC.
- Beth has a quiet leadership style, is brilliant and has subtle but big ideas and understands the culture of the regional partners and its citizens. She has worked hard to build the satellite programs and create ample access and opportunity.
- The GED pass rate at the time of the monitoring visit was 100% with 33% testing 'college ready' – the best in the state at the time. Additional federal performance measures all exceed the state's minimum baseline. All staff are to be commended for their commitment and passion for the adults served and the program's success.
- Regional and local partnerships are solid and the resulting student outcomes is evident and positive.
- Marketing and social media use is also exemplary; Beth has a strong skill for graphic art, marketing and is comfortable using social media with the targeted audience who responds well to outreach efforts.

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- The recent physical relocation also promotes greater use and opportunity. Borrowing from the phrase, “build it and they will come” will result in program expansion.
- The required Regional Advisory Board is in place and its members will help steer greater public awareness, employer strategies and overall support. Partners work well together and understand their roles and responsibilities in working together, especially under the WIOA.
- The development of managed enrollment as an innovative and new approach will result in documented student academic gains and standardized instructional methods.
- The variety of computer classes has also been well received by both students and employers and has proven success. Likewise, the opportunity for the new app is exciting!
- Given the strong infrastructure, partnerships and program, the Dickinson ALC is a strong program that will support the regional economy and contribute to individual student success.

Recommendations:

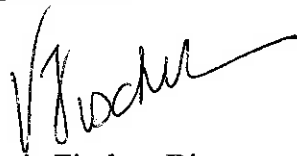
- Given the recent WIOA reauthorization and rollout of new requirements, the Dickinson ALC, like many other local programs, will continue to develop and diversify Integrated Employment and Training (IET) programs and services. We are confident in Beth’s vision for expanded programs to meet regional needs such as CNA and drawing on the multiple options within manufacturing.
- Likewise, the recent addition of GED Academy, our distance education program, offers many opportunities for students across the region to receive services. We expect this program will also continue to grow under Beth’s leadership and supervision.

Compliance:

- There are no compliance issues at this time for the Dickinson ALC.

Contact our office for any questions you may have or assistance you may need. On behalf of the Department of Public Instruction, thank you for the partnership and your strong support of the Adult Learning Center, its staff and students.

Respectfully,



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cc: ALC Director – Beth Hurt
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