Happy retirement to our fellow colleagues!

"Retirement, a time to do what you want to do, when you want to do it, where you want to do it, and, how you want to do it." Catherine Pulsifer

Dana Carlson, Washington Elementary, Fargo
Cindy Cochran, Century Elementary, Grand Forks
Kim Colwell, Horace Mann/Roosevelt Elementary, Fargo
David Hanson, Wyndmere Elementary, Wyndmere
Jerry Hanson, Kennedy Elementary, Fargo
Loren Kersting, South Elementary, West Fargo
Dan Klemisch, McClusky Elementary, McClusky
Susan Plesuk, Max Elementary, Max
Dr. Beth Randklev, Ben Franklin Elementary, Grand Forks
Juanita Short, Carrington Elementary, Carrington
Mary Sorvig, Manvel Elementary, Manvel
Wayne Strand, North Plains Elementary, Minot
Lynn Wolf, Sunrise Elementary, Bismarck
Dear colleagues,

A demanding but productive school year is drawing to a close. Before we breathe a huge sigh of relief and launch into summer break, it is fitting to take a moment or two to reflect on the past year. I have enjoyed serving as your NDAESP President this year, and will pass the gavel to Anna Sell this summer. She will do a great job of leading our board for the 2017-18 school year. I encourage others to volunteer to take on regional representative positions or run for office when the opportunity arises. NDAESP is a great organization, and it provides so many opportunities for collaboration.

Although it is a hectic time of year, it is the time when I most realize how much I value my work, and the people I work with. My fellow principals are my sounding boards, confidants, and “go to” people when I need some thoughtful advice. Our retiring principals who are not returning to school in the fall will continue to be in my thoughts as you make your journey on to new places.

As we head home for a well-deserved summer break, I want to wish you all a very happy, safe and enjoyable summer. Please be sure to take time as a family to talk and play together, and take every opportunity to “smell the roses.”

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming conferences.

Joy Walker
Dear NDAESP Members,

The following is a summary from Mrs. Kelly Pollitt, the Chief Strategist at NAESP. This week marked the release of the Administration’s FY 2018 budget proposal to Congress. Unfortunately, the comprehensive plan submitted for Congressional consideration continues to cut key education programs (over 21 domestic education programs were cut or eliminated). Unfortunately, this includes wiping out Title II, Part A of ESSA. NAESP issued a press release in coalition with other leading principal and educator support groups, and issued a membership-wide action.

The Franken-Carper letter was drafted by the Senators in hopes to persuade Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations support. The Department of Education is listing as a reason for elimination of Title II as “funds are not being spent on EVIDENCED-BASED strategies.” To that end, Title II funds could be spend on teacher and principal PD that is job-bedded and sustained. This can be done through professional learning networks, mentoring programs, and other personalized PD for principals and teachers.

It has been an interesting year in politics and education funding. See you at Summer Conference!

Thanks for all you do for children,

Jason Hornbacher

http://news.umary.edu/educating-students-in-poverty/
Principals have many roles, but the most important one that we have is building people and growing professionals. Do you have someone who would be a good administrator? Let them know! Invite them into your world by involving them in your associations. Did you know that there are great “aspiring” principal rates available that would allow access to not only wonderful professional development, but also excellent networking opportunities?

Please look out for the future of our profession. Reach out and help the next generation of leaders get started on the right foot by participating in NAESP, NDAESP, and NDCEL.

Click below for a link to share:
https://www.ndcel.org/domain/203

Thank you for all you do!

John Alstad
NAESP State Representative
NDCEL Summer Conference
June 14 - 16, 2017... Mandan Middle School
To register, go to: http://www.ndcel.us
Online registration closes June 8th!

This summer we have some exciting topics that you will NOT want to miss!
Wednesday - Judge Steven Teske will be discussing "Understanding the School-Justice Toolkit". This day will also be in collaboration with the School Resource Officers of the state!

Thursday - Dr. Stephen Sroka will be giving the KEYNOTE on The Power of One to the Power of Many!

Thursday Afternoon - There will be a Golf outing and social, concluding with the Steak Fry at Prairie West Golf Course!

Friday - Whole day for breakout sessions: Here are a few, there will be more!!!!
Building Effective Leaders
Beyond Measure: You Must Be Relational to be Sensational
NDMTSS - A Jump Start to Systemic Change
ND Accountability system Under ESSA
Innovative Learning
Power Teacher Pro for the Admin User
ESSA Financial Transparency Requirement
The Power of ICU!

*It’s almost time! National Conference 2017! Philadelphia, PA! It’s not too late to book your trip!

This first-time joint national conference will give you three days of authentic collaboration—leading to a deep understanding of the issues your peers face and how you can work together to shape the trajectory for student success. No matter where you are on your education journey, this conference can take you where you want to go.

Collaborate. Innovate. Transform.

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Schedule at a Glance: http://www.principalsconference.org/attend/schedule-at-a-glance

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Greetings to our North Dakota Principals.

I would like to thank your state leaders that attended the 2017 National Leaders Conference on March 26-29, in Washington, D.C. The conference was a successful event where Equity, Equality and Social Justice were addressed.

The 2017 Joint NAESP/NASSP Annual Conference will be held in Philadelphia, PA July 8-11, 2017. Registration is open and I encourage you to consider attending this first ever joint conference.

Congratulations to Dave Wick who was elected as the NAESP Vice-President. Dave is a great friend and is very excited about serving our NAESP Principals, as well as, his Zone 7 Colleagues.

As you know, the first every joint NAESP/NASSP National Conference is scheduled for July 8-11, in Philadelphia, PA. Please note that the Community Service Project is scheduled for Saturday, July 8.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or ideas pertaining to NAESP. I am thankful to serve as your NAESP Zone 7 Director. I hope all of you enjoy your summer vacation and I am looking forward to spending some time with those attending the national convention in Philadelphia.