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**TO:** ESSA Planning Committee Members

**FROM:** Laurie Matzke, Assistant Superintendent  
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**DATE:** March 31, 2017

**SUBJECT:** ESSA Planning Committee Update

Thank you to all members for your continued support on the ESSA Planning Committee. Your input and assistance has been invaluable.

We wanted to keep all committee members informed with the following updates:

- ✓ The ND State ESSA Plan was forwarded to Governor Burgum for his review on Thursday, March 30, 2017.
- ✓ Areas where significant changes have been made include:
  - Weighting on High School Accountability Pie (pages 37 & 53)
  - Targeted Support and Improvement (pages 60-68)
  - Choice Ready Initiative (pages 42, 43 & Appendix J)
  - Additional School Quality Indicator (page 39, 41, &42)
- ✓ The updated plan has been posted to our [website](#). Once we receive a signed copy form the Governor, our plan will be submitted to the USDE. The USDE has 120 days to review the state plans.

If you have any questions, contact me at [lmatzke@nd.gov](mailto:lmatzke@nd.gov) or (701) 328-2284.