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### **North Dakota United Given NEA Grant to Help Teachers Increase Student Achievement**

BISMARCK, N.D. — North Dakota United (NDU) will receive \$241,221 from the National Education Association Great Public Schools (GPS) Fund Grants. The three-year grant will be used to develop Professional Development Opportunities proven to positively impact student achievement.

"The GPS Fund Grants are tangible proof of NEA's commitment to student success and leading our professions," said NEA Vice President Becky Pringle. "Educators are instrumental in shaping their professional practice. These grants will help shape the development of policies and practices that will best ensure *all* students succeed."

NDU will partner with a broad cross-section of North Dakota education stakeholders to develop frameworks identified by the U.S. Department of Education as fostering student achievement. As part of the grant, NDU will share created frameworks with education stakeholders, North Dakota schools, and the general public.

"A 2013 Center for American Progress report states that high quality, relevant Professional Development results in measurably higher achievement gains in students," said NDU President Nick Archuleta. "By designing and offering such opportunities in multiple formats for North Dakota teachers, NDU is ensuring that state and local education professionals have access to the tools they need to foster student success."

NEA members voted to create the GPS Fund Grant program in 2013. GPS Fund Grants are made directly to NEA state and local affiliates who offer promising projects and ideas for improving  
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student success. Funds help affiliates build partnerships with local organizations and work with key education stakeholders to develop and implement programs and policies that emphasize student success through union-led efforts. The GPS Fund has awarded more than 70 grants to NEA affiliates since its inception.

To learn more visit <http://www.nea.org/grants/gpsfundgrants.html>. Follow us on Twitter @NEAMEDIA.

*North Dakota United is the largest professional union of public educators and employees in the state, representing more than 11,000 public school teachers, school staff, university faculty and staff, and city, county and state employees. Our association represents members in the state Capitol, the Legislature, in schools, on college campuses and at worksites across the state, and in our communities, promoting the great public education and great public services that the citizens of North Dakota deserve.*

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