



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

Executive Order 2017-15

WHEREAS, North Dakota is committed to leading the nation in innovative education, creating authentic learning experiences that prepare students to be contributing global citizens and lifelong learners; and,

WHEREAS, true educational innovation is a product of collaboration: teachers, parents, administrators, business, community and youth development leaders all play an important role in fostering genuine, grass-roots transformation; and,

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota would benefit from a group dedicated to catalyzing a personalized learning platform at the state level, sharing best practices, recognizing excellence, and providing state government direction on how it can better align policy with the educational needs of the 21st century; and,

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota has assumed the vast majority of costs for K-12 education and has an obligation to provide an effective education while being diligent stewards of tax payer dollars; and,

WHEREAS, with the passage of Senate Bill 2186 during the 65th legislative session, school districts are more empowered than ever to design individualized learning plans to better serve their students; and,

WHEREAS, technology has exponentially expanded opportunities for educators to facilitate learning in a manner that best suits student needs, and transform school systems and educational delivery; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution to convene groups dedicated to addressing issues of importance to the state.

NOW THEREFORE, Doug Burgum, Governor of the State of North Dakota, hereby:

- I. Establishes the Innovative Education Task Force, appointed by the Governor, consisting of no less than eleven or greater than fifteen voting members representing a balance of education and community leaders. The Governor or his designee and the Superintendent of Public Instruction or her designee will serve

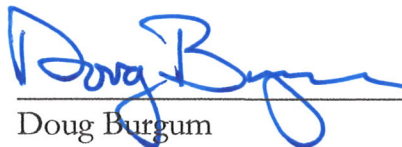
as non-voting members of the Task Force. The Governor shall designate the Chairman.

- II. The Innovative Education Task Force shall:
 - a. Investigate and identify the conditions necessary to unleash the potential of our teachers and students;
 - b. Create a system of identification and support for schools and districts implementing innovative practices;
 - c. Highlight best practices providing an effective and equitable 21st century education;
 - d. Identify changes to state education policies that will promote the strategic adoption of student-centered learning experiences;
- III. The Innovative Education Task Force may create working groups to elicit the expertise of educational leaders and North Dakota citizens.
- IV. The Governor or his designee and the Superintendent of Public Instruction or her designee will serve as non-voting members of the Task Force.

The Governor is vested with executive authority to issue this Order pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution.

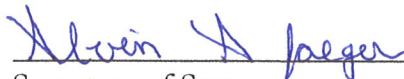
This Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further order of the Governor.


Executed this 13th day of September, 2017.



Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

Special Deputy