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Cory Steiner, Superintendent
Northern Cass
16021 18th Street SE
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Dear Dr. Steiner,

This letter is to serve as an assurance that NDDPI supports the students of Northern Cass Public School District being afforded the same opportunity to receive the North Dakota Academic and North Dakota Career Technical Education scholarship as students in traditional or other districts. In concert with the Northern Cass School Board, NDDPI believes the implementation of a personalized, competency-based learning (PCBL) model and standards-based grading is an innovative transformation and NDDPI supports a seamless transition to provide the highest quality experience for your learners.

Northern Cass had originally requested an addendum to the existing waiver. After analyzing the request, it was decided that an addendum would suffice, an additional waiver was not necessary. The method Northern Cass will be using to convert to a grade point average (GPA) is effective and could be a tool used by districts who are also looking to make a similar innovative transformation.

Thank you for all your efforts to assure our children and youth have the best opportunities for success. We hope this letter of support and assurance will suffice for your community, parents, educators, and learners.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Baesler
State Superintendent

cc: Susie Carlson, School Board President

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