

AGENDA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:30-9am	Check-in
9-9:15am	Introduction & Welcome
9:15-9:30am	Vision for Education & Afterschool's Role in N.D.
9:30-10:15am	Keynote: Advocacy & Policy
10:15-10:45am	21st Century Skills
10:45-11am	Break
11-11:30am	Workforce Development & STEM
11:30am - Noon	Evolution of an Afterschool Network
Noon-1pm	Lunch & STEM Activities
1-1:30pm	Afterschool Through a Child's Eyes
1:30-2:45pm	Breakout Sessions: Policy, Quality, Sustainability
2:45-3pm	N.D. Afterschool Partnership Initiative
3-3:30pm	Presenter Panel Q&A

Your attendance here today proves that you want to make a **difference** for the **110,000 students** in North Dakota. Together we have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of these children. By forming a **state-wide network**, we can support and advocate on behalf of school-age youth for quality out-of-school time programming and provide resources and services to help students reach their full potential.

5 Things **YOU** Can Do

- 1) Sign your "I Support" card to help us build our message of support across the state.
- 2) Address and send your pre-stamped postcard encouraging involvement with the Partnership.
- 3) Visit www.ndseec.com/ndafterschoolnetwork and "Subscribe" to receive updates.
- 4) Attend the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Conference Aug. 2-3 in Fargo. Watch www.ndseec.com/21cclc for registration info.
- 5) Attend Partnership meetings that will be held across the state working to learn how we can help advance the Partnership's mission.



Kirsten Baesler is North Dakota's superintendent of public instruction. Before being elected, she worked for 23 years in Bismarck's public schools as a vice principal, library media specialist, classroom teacher and instructional assistant. She served for nine years on the Mandan school board, including seven years as the board's president. Superintendent Baesler serves on 15 state boards, including the Board of University and School Lands, which oversees a \$3 billion trust fund that benefits North Dakota's public schools.



Molly J. Bestge is a passionate 21st Century educator, leader and the CEO of Cultivate21, a company that provides professional development in the areas of STEM/STEAM, project-based learning, process thinking, and the 4Cs (critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity). She strives to create experiences in both education and industry that develop an increased awareness of the acquisition and application of 21st Century skills in real life.



Betsy Dalrymple became First Lady of the state of North Dakota on December 7, 2010, when Governor Jack Dalrymple was sworn in as North Dakota's 32nd Governor. She immediately set out to work for the people of North Dakota and advance her long career of public service, with special emphasis on early childhood education and volunteerism.



Dr. Terry Peterson has worked on successful education improvements from the school house to various state houses and to the White House. He develops innovative strategies and partnerships for education reforms and expanded learning opportunities in afterschool and summers through school-community partnerships across America and in developing countries. Terry has helped initiate numerous nationwide education policies positively affecting millions of students, including the very successful expansion of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers from 10 schools to 11,000 schools.



Brandon Tice joined the Ignite Afterschool team in 2013 alongside the network's newly-hired Executive Director, Kari Denissen Cunnien, and immediately put his experience in research and policy to work for the young people of Minnesota. While Brandon started at Ignite as an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow, he now serves as the Director of Strategic Initiatives and drives various network initiatives in STEM learning, policy and partnership-building.



Sam Wheeldon is the Technical Manager of the Test Design Engineering Department at John Deere Electronic Solution in Fargo. He also serves as the regional coordinator of John Deere Inspire activities and initiatives which includes STEM activity and project advocating. As a big believer in STEM education, Sam is active in FIRST Robotics as a coach, judge and mentor including his daughter's team "Kick Back and Lego".