

South Dakota Blue Ribbon Task Force

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Meet Northern State University

Education is our core

SDCL 13-59-1: “The primary purpose of NSU (sic)...is the preparation of elementary and secondary teachers...”

Home of NSU Center for Statewide E-Learning

Considerable expertise in distance education and technology

Home of new Confucius Institute



NSU'S Teacher Pipeline Workforce Solution Recommendations

- Expand E-Learning Center Offerings
- Masters degree
- Paraprofessional Certificate
- Technical Education/Education
- Counseling
- Critical Teaching Needs Add:
 - Music Ed., Counseling, Technical Ed., Foreign Language, Science



Meet NSU's New Ed. Dean



Dr. Kelly Duncan
Dean, School of Education

NSU's Statewide Center for E-Learning By the Numbers!

- **2001 Created by Governor Janklow**
 - **Created originally to support the Opportunity Scholarship**
- **16 highly qualified teachers**
- **24 different courses offered this year**
- **96% of SD districts served to meet critical education needs**
- **102 school districts served this year**
- **145 of 151 school districts served since 1991**
- **1,233 students served**
- **98 % of students who complete course/pass**



NSU's Statewide Center For E-Learning



NSU's E-Learning—How it can meet today's needs

- **Slightly different teaching model than 2001**
- **Use highly-qualified teachers**
- **Add additional course offerings**
 - **Including Mandarin Chinese**
 - **Other critical teaching needs areas**
- **Add Masters in Instructional Design in E-Learning**
- **Add Paraprofessional Certificates**
- **Add some state dollars**
- **Re-career some early retired teachers as Master Teachers**
- **Teachers can be located in various areas**



NSU's "One-Room School House"

Newer Teaching Model

- Highly-qualified teachers
- Where the teachers are
- NSU supervises
- Offering additional courses
- Supported by the new Masters degree
- Supported in classrooms by new paraprofessional certificate
- Uses available technology
- Built on NSU's expertise and learning



NSU's “One-Room School House”

Meet Tara

**Highly Qualified Teacher
From her home place near
Bridgewater
Teaching Spanish to SD**



Advantages: New “E-Learning/One-Room Schoolhouse”

- **Highly Qualified Teachers**
- **Re-career experienced teachers/early retirees**
- **Train the paraprofessional for the individual classroom**
- **Spread the cost of expensive courses**
- **Take the risk out that specialized teachers aren’t available**
- **Take the risk out of small classes and expense**

Questions?



Thank You

