

SURVEY

TO: South Dakota Teachers

FROM: Interim Public University Education Curricula Study Committee

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The 2004 Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council has appointed the Interim Public University Education Curricula Study Committee to ensure South Dakota teachers are receiving adequate training to properly teach South Dakota's children. In August, the committee held a public hearing in Pierre to get feedback from teachers. We did not have the participation we had hoped for and would, therefore, like to ask for your input via this questionnaire. We believe that, in order to improve our teacher education programs, it is important to hear from you. Please give us a small amount of your time to make a big difference in education.

Return the survey to your superintendent by September 10, 2004.

1. Are you a certified teacher?

Yes _____ If "Yes," for how long? _____

No _____ If "No," are you currently working toward certification? _____

2. How many students are enrolled at your school in grades K-8? _____

3. How many students are enrolled at your school in grades 9-12? _____

4. How long have you been in the teaching field? _____

5. What obstacles do you see in obtaining the "highly qualified" teacher status as per No Child Left Behind?

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6. When you receive additional training in your subject area, does your school district reimburse your expenses?

All _____
Some _____
None _____

7. How have you accessed the additional training?

Internet _____
On-campus classes _____
Other _____

If "Other," please specify.

8. Are you currently a "highly qualified" teacher as defined by No Child Left Behind?

Yes ____ If "Yes," for how long? _____

No ____ If "No," how many credits do you need to become "highly qualified?" _____

9. Looking back to your first year of teaching, what could have prepared you better for the classroom setting?

10. To better prepare new teacher graduates, what improvements need to be made in the education process?

Please contact any of the committee members listed above if you would like to discuss teacher preparation further. Thank you for your assistance in making South Dakota education even stronger.