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NEWS & NOTES

from ND COMPASS

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.

Welcome to our August issue, and as you can see, [we've gone green!](#)
At our last Advisory Committee meeting, we discussed differentiating our look from our [MN Compass](#) partners, and everyone agreed we should go green. [Tell us what you think.](#)

Twitter fans--check out our tweets at the new [@NDCompass](#) page. Look for our Twitter feed on our homepage coming soon!

For Discussion

Rural Development in North Dakota

By Jasper Schneider, Director for USDA Rural Development (USDA-RD) in North Dakota

Q: What do you see as the single biggest issue facing rural communities in North Dakota?

When we did the North Dakota 2.0 tour, we held regional town hall meetings in 14 different ND communities. We asked this similar question and overwhelmingly the response was: quality jobs. [Read more.](#)



Ask a Researcher

Western North Dakota School Administrators Face Challenge

Nancy Hodur is an assistant research professor with NDSU's Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics.

Q: What are some of the challenges facing schools in the Bakken in meeting the needs of the latest demographic changes and trends?

A: School districts are now faced with managing and planning for increasing school enrollments, which have strained existing infrastructure. School districts have added temporary classrooms and in some cases taken dramatic steps to try to alleviate the strain on physical capacity. [Read more.](#)



Who Do You Know?...

We at ND Compass cordially invite you to [forward this email](#) to someone you know who would be pleasantly surprised to receive it.

This is a really great way for you to be champions for our website.

Thank you so very much!

ND COMPASS Presentations

Ramona Danielson, Assistant Director of ND Compass, presented an overview of ND Compass to the ND Long Term Care Association during her talk: "The 'Graying of North Dakota' -- What's Happening Now?" on July 24 in Walker, MN.

Ramona also presented a brief overview of ND Compass at the ND Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Leadership Team Meeting on July 30 in Grand Forks.

We will be exploring ways to demonstrate ND Compass and its benefits to communities and organizations through webinars and other technologies as well as conference presentations across the state.

By tracking and analyzing trends in areas that affect our quality of life, North Dakota Compass gives everyone in our state--policymakers, business and community leaders, and concerned individuals who live and work here--a common foundation to act on issues to improve our communities.

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