

2025 New Member Learning to Lead Workshop

October 9, 2025 | 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Bismarck Event Center



NDSBA
NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL
BOARDS ASSOCIATION

- 7:00 a.m. **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 a.m. **Welcome and Overview of the Day**
Amy De Kok, NDSBA Executive Director
- 8:10 a.m. **Foundations of School Board Service**
Amy De Kok, NDSBA Executive Director
- 9:00 a.m. **Open Records, Open Meetings, and Executive Session**
KrisAnn Norby-Jahner, NDSBA General Counsel
- 9:45 a.m. **Break**
- 10:00 a.m. **Message from State Superintendent Kirsten Baesler**
- 10:15 a.m. **School Board Powers & Roles and Responsibilities**
Amy De Kok, NDSBA Executive Director
- 11:00 a.m. **School Law 101**
Amy De Kok, NDSBA Executive Director
- 11:45 a.m. **NDSBA at Your Service – How We Support Your Board Work**
Amy De Kok, NDSBA Executive Director
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch (Hall B)**
- 12:45 p.m. **NDSBMCP Graduation Ceremony (Hall A)**
- 1:00 p.m. **Public School Finance**
Dr. Paul Stremick, Dakota Leadership Solutions
- 2:00 p.m. **Experienced Board Member Q&A**
Board members will separate into subgroups by region and meet with NDSBA Board of Directors representatives
NW Region – James Vannett, Nedrose and Patti Stedman, NDSBA Past President
NE Region – Marlana Knudson, Mayport CG
SW Region – Michelle Orton, Dickinson and Lucas Greff, NDSBA President
SE Region – Nikkie Gullickson, Fargo and Nathan Berseth, NDSBA Vice President
- 2:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

North Dakota state law requires that newly elected school board members attend this training (NDCC 15.1-09-32). Participants who fail to be present for the full day will not meet the requirements of the training. A certificate of completion will be mailed to participants who complete the workshop.