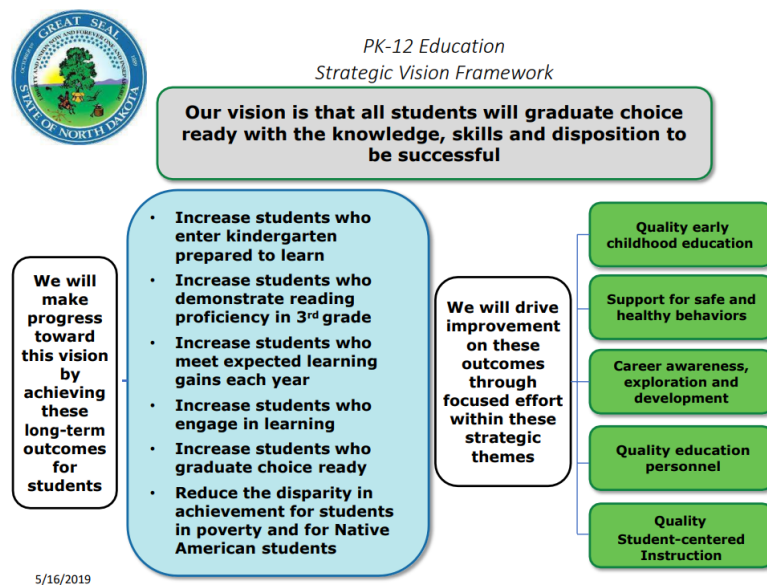


The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction's vision ([North Dakota PK-12 Education Strategic Vision \(nd.gov\)](http://North Dakota PK-12 Education Strategic Vision (nd.gov))) is that all students will graduate choice ready with the knowledge, skills, and disposition to be successful. The North Dakota CHOICE READY framework is a tool to assist educators to ensure all students successfully depart high school possessing the ESSENTIAL SKILLS necessary to be ready for life. The journey begins by ensuring students leave having the ESSENTIAL SKILLS to be successful for whichever path they choose. Students shall then strive to be POST-SECONDARY READY, WORKFORCE READY, and/or MILITARY READY.



The offices of Educational Improvement & Support and Specially Designed Services work to ensure that at-risk students in North Dakota have available to them a free appropriate public education without roadblocks through enhanced collaboration and partnership to support students and families. community support and wrap-around services connections. In North Dakota, some community support and wrap-around services collaborations and connections occur through:

- Mindspark
- Behavioral Health Collaboration
- Community of Practice for Social-Emotional-Behavioral Disorders

Michelle Woodcock  
Special Education Coordinator  
Office of Specially Designed Services  
[mwoodcock@nd.gov](mailto:mwoodcock@nd.gov)  
701-328-2633

Jen Withers  
Assistant Director  
Office of Educational Improvement & Support  
[jwithers@nd.gov](mailto:jwithers@nd.gov)  
701-328-4612