



Spring Continuous School Improvement and Strategy Map Information

Please forward this information to all Cognia (formerly AdvancED/Measured Progress) team members, especially the personnel responsible for your school's Continuous Improvement Plan and Strategy Map.

Important information regarding updating the Strategy Map, future trainings, and general guidance is included in this email.

Updated Strategy Maps are due May 1, 2020.

If your school's Strategy Map was not updated, a new Map must at least be copied and given the **new naming convention** in order to appropriately update the Dashboard.

IMPORTANT - Strategy Map Naming Convention & Start Date

In order for the correct plans to be exported from each school's accounts for updating and reporting on the Dashboard, every school is to use the name format, "Year of Plan Full School Name Including Level Continuous Improvement Plan." Below are a few examples:

- Kenmare Elementary School's Plan would be titled, "2020-2021 Kenmare Elementary School Continuous Improvement Plan."
- Mandan High School's Plan would be titled, "2020-2021 Mandan High School Continuous Improvement Plan."

Additionally, the start date for the Plan should read 05/01/2020. This can be done from the 'My Plans' screen and clicking on the three dots on the right hand side. From there, click 'Edit' and enter or choose 05/01/2020 in the first rectangular area under, 'Select Target Dates'.

Do not create a Plan in the District Profile. For example:

- Cavalier School District will not have a Plan; however, school personnel must create, or copy, a plan in the Cavalier Elementary School and Cavalier High School profiles, respectively.
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Spring 2020 Training

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) and Cognia have partnered to offer several spring Continuous School Improvement/Strategy Map workshops across the state. These workshops are entitled, "*Fostering Strategic Thinking and Improvement Planning*".

The attendance will be limited to about 75 participants per site, with the exception of Dickinson, which is limited to 50 participants due to venue size. It is recommended that larger districts follow the train-the-trainer model and send a core group at the district level to bring the information back to their schools.

These workshops will follow an 8:30 am - 3:30 pm schedule. Lunch, refreshments, and snacks will be provided.

- Dickinson - February 25, 2020
 - View event summary & registration information [HERE](#)
 - Mandan - February 26, 2020
 - View event summary & registration information [HERE](#)
 - Fargo - February 27, 2020
 - View event summary & registration information [HERE](#)
 - Grand Forks - March 24, 2020
 - View event summary & registration information [HERE](#)
 - Minot - March 25, 2020
 - View event summary & registration information [HERE](#)
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Tags and Categories

The NDDPI has been gathering feedback from the field regarding Tags while creating Strategy Maps. Some school personnel have expressed concern that there are not diverse enough tags that capture their Strategic Themes or Objectives. If you have a recommendation on creating new Tags, please send to [Joe Kolosky](#) on or before January 2, 2020.

General Guidance

For more guidance on the Continuous Improvement Process and Strategy Maps, please visit our website [here](#); or the Cognia Partnership website, [here](#).

Cognia has created this Partnership website in collaboration with the NDDPI and contains a multitude of resources for school personnel on Continuous Improvement, Accreditation, and Student Engagement.

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the Continuous Improvement Process or Strategy Maps, please contact [Joe Kolosky](#) at (701) 328-2755.