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PROGRAM BOOK

# DAY 1. MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024

**Bismarck State College National Energy Center of Excellence  
1200 Schafer Street, Bismarck, ND 58501**

**12:00 PM – 1:00 PM REGISTRATION AND OPTIONAL LUNCH**

NECE 436 - 443

**1:00 PM – 1:15 PM WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**

NECE 431 - 433

- Dr. Javaid Siddiqi**, President and CEO, The Hunt Institute
- The Honorable Kirsten Baesler**, Superintendent of Public Instruction, North Dakota Department of Public Instruction | Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellow Cohort 6; Retreat Co-Chair

**1:15 PM – 2:15 PM TIERED APPROACHES TO CHILD CARE QUALITY, AFFORDABILITY, AND AVAILABILITY**

In order to ensure that North Dakota has a strong workforce, it is critical that families have access to reliable, high-quality child care. During this session, legislators will discuss the importance of access, and reflect on early outcomes of HB 1540 which addressed elements of child care quality, affordability, and availability for working families.

**MODERATOR**

- Jessica Thomasson**, Executive Director, Human Services Division, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services

**RESOURCE EXPERTS**

- Teran Doerr**, Executive Director, Bowman County Development Corporation
- Michele Gee**, Economic Assistance Policy Division Director, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services
- Kay Larson**, Director, Early Childhood Section, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services

**2:15 PM – 3:15 PM HIGH QUALITY MATH INSTRUCTION**

During the COVID-19 pandemic student performance in math and reading dropped sharply. While reading scores have started to improve with the investments in evidence-based literacy instruction, student performance in math has not seen the same growth. During this session, policymakers will discuss research in math instruction and opportunities for North Dakota to ensure all students are prepared for success in math.

**MODERATOR**

- Jolene Garty**, Deputy Executive Director of Operations, South East Education Cooperative (SEEC)

**RESOURCE EXPERTS**

- Kaye Andersen**, Math Instructional Coach and Educational Consultant, Western Education Regional Cooperative (WERC)
- Joel Rose**, Co-Founder and CEO, New Classrooms



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**3:15 PM – 3:30 PM** : **BREAK AND TRANSITION**

**3:30 PM – 4:45 PM** : **PROFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVES | EARLY CARE AND LEARNING PROVIDERS**

Through small group conversation with early care and learning providers, policymakers will explore the critical role that a trained and professional early childhood workforce has on the quality of care for infants, toddlers, and young children. Child care providers and center directors will reflect on strategies for increasing the pipeline of well-compensated, excellent early childhood educators in North Dakota.

**MODERATOR**

**Allison Goff Clark**, Director of State Engagement, The Hunt Institute

**4:45 PM – 5:30 PM** : **BREAK AND TRANSITION TO HUCKLEBERRY HOUSE FOR RECEPTION AND DINNER**

**5:30 PM – 8:00 PM** : **RECEPTION AND DINNER**  
**DINNER PROGRAMMING | NORTH DAKOTA'S CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT TO CHARACTER EDUCATION**

**HUCKLEBERRY HOUSE**

With the state constitution establishing public education with an expressed goal of developing “intelligence, patriotism, integrity and morality” for future generations, policymakers have an opportunity to consider the resources required to support both schools and educators in this endeavor. During this session, resource experts will reflect on best practices in character education.

**MODERATOR**

**Dr. Javaid Siddiqi**, President and CEO, The Hunt Institute

**RESOURCE EXPERTS**

**Cathy Ehlers Metcalf**, Senior Director of Education, The Congressional Medal of Honor Society

**The Honorable Molly Spearman**, South Carolina State Superintendent of Education (2015-2023); Maxwell Ambassador, John Maxwell Leadership Foundation



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## DAY 2. TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024

**Bismarck State College National Energy Center of Excellence**  
**1200 Schafer Street, Bismarck, ND 58501**

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM : BREAKFAST

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9:00 AM – 9:05 AM : WELCOME


 **Allison Goff Clark**, Director of State Engagement, The Hunt Institute

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9:05 AM – 10:00 AM : **ALIGNING EDUCATION INVESTMENTS TO STUDENT OUTCOMES**


How can policymakers and educators determine whether a school is effective in setting students up for success? This session will explore the various components of measuring effectiveness, policy options for state and local leaders, and ways in which data can be best leveraged to ensure investments in education are aligned to strong student outcomes.

**MODERATOR**

 **Samantha Musacchia**, SVP, Policy and Engagement, NWEA Division, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

**RESOURCE EXPERTS**


 **AJ Crabill**, School Board Coach, Effective School Boards Initiative

 **Hassaan Ebrahim**, Strategy Consultant, Education Resource Strategies

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM : **PREPARING EDUCATORS THROUGH APPRENTICESHIP**


Apprenticeships have long served as a pathway into a meaningful career. With new models of educator apprenticeship growing across the country, North Dakota may consider leveraging this model to expand pathways into the teaching profession. During this session, policymakers will hear about successful models of educator apprenticeship and ways in which this can support a high-quality and diverse educator workforce.

**MODERATOR**

 **Laurie Matzke**, Assistant Superintendent, North Dakota Department of Public Instruction

**RESOURCE EXPERTS**

 **Dr. Marcus Lewton**, Superintendent, Dickinson Public Schools

 **Dr. Hollie Mackey**, Associate Professor of Educational and Organizational Leadership, North Dakota State University

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM : BREAK




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**11:15 AM – 12:15 PM**

**THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY EXPOSURE TO POSTSECONDARY AND CAREER PATHWAYS**


Studies show that connecting students to career pathways prior to high school graduation is integral in ensuring those students to go on to find success in the workforce. Conversations will focus on how state leaders can foster connections between institutions of higher education (IHEs), school districts, and regional business leaders and expand opportunities for early exposure to career-relevant pathways.

**MODERATOR**

 **Wayde Sick**, State Director and Executive Officer, North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education

**RESOURCE EXPERTS**

 **Dr. Doug Jensen**, President, Bismarck State College

 **Jack Soto**, Senior Program Manager Career Readiness & Employment, American Indian College Fund; Navajo/Cocopah

**12:15 PM – 12:30 PM**

**CLOSING REMARKS & LUNCH TO GO**



## CO-CHAIRS



### The Honorable Kirsten Baesler

*State Superintendent of Public Instruction, North Dakota Department of Public Instruction | Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellow Cohort 6*

Kirsten Baesler is the state school superintendent and administrator of the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction. The Superintendent and her team have led significant improvements in the graduation rates and academic success of the state’s Native American students, improved access to quality early childhood programs, and greater access to computer science and cybersecurity instruction in grades K-12. Before taking office in January 2013, Superintendent Baesler had a 24-year career in the Bismarck Public School system– the state’s largest school district - as a vice principal, library media specialist, classroom teacher, and instructional assistant. Superintendent Baesler also spent nine years as an elected member of the Mandan School Board. She was board president for seven of those nine years. In November 2022, Superintendent Baesler became president of the Council of Chief State School Officers, representing state education organizations nationwide. Superintendent Baesler serves on more than a dozen North Dakota state boards, was one of 25 leaders chosen from across the country for the Governing Institute’s Women in Government Leadership Program, and is a Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellow.



### The Honorable Michelle Axtman

*Senate District 7, North Dakota State Senate*

Senator Michelle Axtman serves as a member of the North Dakota Senate for the 7th district. Senator Axtman earned a Bachelor of Science degree in geospatial science from the United States Air Force Academy and a Master of Science in project management from the University of Mary. Senator Axtman served as an active-duty pilot in the United States Air Force and Air Force Reserve Command for twelve years, reaching the rank of major. Since 2021, she has served as the executive officer to the commander of the 934th Airlift Wing. Senator Axtman was elected to the North Dakota Senate in November 2022.



### The Honorable Glenn Bosch

*House Assistant Majority Leader, House District 30, North Dakota House of Representatives | Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellow Cohort 9*

Glenn Bosch is a Representative for North Dakota’s 30th District. He has served in the House since 2017 and is the Majority Caucus Leader. He is a retired Executive Vice President of AVI Systems and the Co-Owner of Bismarck Larks Baseball Club.



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**The Honorable Josh Boschee**

*House Assistant Minority Leader, House District 44, North Dakota House of Representatives*

In 2008, the Fargo Forum recognized Josh as one of 20 Under 40 for his service and dedication to the Fargo-Moorhead community. After volunteering and managing campaigns for friends running for office, Josh was encouraged to make a run for office. In November 2012, he was elected to the North Dakota House of Representatives, where he still represents his north Fargo friends and neighbors. Josh is often asked to speak throughout the state on issues related to social justice, community engagement and political activism. In his free time, Josh enjoys hanging out downtown with friends and supporting a variety of local and ethnic restaurants to dine at throughout the metro area. He also donates much of his time to serving on community boards including: Prairie Public Broadcasting, Act Up Theatre, FM Coalition for Homeless Persons, the Fargo Theatre, and ND Council of Abused Women's Services.



**The Honorable Ryan Braunberger**

*Senate Minority Caucus Leader, Senate District 10, North Dakota State Senate*

Ryan Braunberger was elected to the North Dakota State Senate in November 2022, becoming the first Senator for the new District 10 in Fargo. As one of only four Democratic Senators in the state, he served on the Judiciary and State and Local Government Committees, making a significant impact on legislation. Braunberger's commitment to fairness and justice has earned him praise from constituents. He champions progressive values and advocates for North Dakota citizens' well-being. As a freshman Senator, he also serves as the Democratic-NPL Caucus Chair. Braunberger graduated Magna Cum Laude from Minnesota State University Moorhead with a bachelor's degree in social work and holds an Associate of Applied Sciences in Business Administration from Southeast Technical Institute. He is a member of the National Association of Social Work.



**The Honorable David Hogue**

*Senate Majority Leader, Senate District 38, North Dakota State Senate | Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellow Cohort 8*

David Hogue has served as a member of the North Dakota State Senate from the 38th District since 2009. He earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of North Dakota School of Law in 1987 and has been a practicing lawyer since 1988. He also began service in the North Dakota Army National Guard in 1984 and currently serves as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) Officer.





**The Honorable Don Schaible**

*Senate President Pro-Tempore, Senate District 31, North Dakota State Senate*

Don Schaible serves the 31st Senatorial District in the North Dakota Senate. He currently serves as President Pro-Tempore in the North Dakota Senate. Schaible earned his A.S. in agriculture from North Dakota State University. His professional experience includes working as a farmer and as an EMT for Mott Ambulance Service.



**The Honorable Michelle Strinden**

*House District 41, North Dakota State House of Representatives*

Michelle Strinden, elected in November 2018, serves as a member of the North Dakota House of Representatives for the 41st district. Born in Grand Forks, she earned a BS in secondary education from the University of North Dakota and an MS in counseling from Minnesota State University Moorhead. Before politics, Strinden worked as a school counselor in West Fargo Public Schools, which influenced her advocacy for school choice. She's also a homemaker and small business owner. Married to Thomas, they have four children. Strinden's diverse roles have shaped her political perspectives. Since taking office on December 1, 2018, she has been active in legislative assemblies and sponsored various bills. Her current term ends December 1, 2026. Strinden's work is characterized by her commitment to constituents and improving North Dakota's educational landscape.



**The Honorable Robin Weisz**

*House District 14, North Dakota House of Representatives*

Robin Weisz serves the 14th House District of North Dakota. He currently serves as Chairman of the Human Services Committee and as a member of the Transportation Committee in the North Dakota House of Representatives.





## RESOURCE EXPERTS



### Kaye Andersen

*Math Instructional Coach and Educational Consultant, Western Education Regional Cooperative (WERC)*

Kaye Andersen is a mathematics instructional coach. She has an undergraduate teaching degree from Dickinson State University and a Master of Science in Education degree in Teaching and Learning Mathematics from the University of North Dakota. Kaye worked for 28 years at Bismarck Public Schools in various roles including middle school math teacher, instructional coach, math standing committee chair, and MTSS coach. Currently she is working as a consultant with the Western Education Regional Cooperative providing on-site math instructional coaching and represents the REA for the Greater Math in ND grant program and in the NDREAs “Effective Math Instruction” statewide initiative.



### AJ Crabill

*School Board Coach, Effective School Boards Initiative*

Improving student outcomes is AJ’s relentless focus. He currently serves as the National Director of Governance at the Council of the Great City Schools in Washington, DC, as Senior Coach at EffectiveSchoolBoards.com, and as Education Faculty at the Leadership Institute of Nevada. AJ previously served as Conservator at DeSoto (TX) Independent School District. During his guidance, DeSoto made double digit literacy gains and improved from having F ratings in areas of academics, finance, and governance to the district earning B ratings. Crabill has served as Deputy Commissioner of Education for the State of Texas, board chair for Kansas City (MO) Public Schools, and as a board member for numerous tech startups, non-profit organizations, and government entities. Crabill received the Education Commission of the State’s James Bryant Conant Award, which recognizes extraordinary individual contributions to national education policy. Crabill’s most recent book, “Great On Their Behalf: Why School Boards Fail, How Yours Can Become Effective” addresses the governance practice of public school boards.



### Teran Doerr

*Executive Director, Bowman County Development Corporation*

Born and raised in a small town, Teran has always had a deep-rooted passion for rural communities. With a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration, she combines her educational background with a dynamic drive to make meaningful contributions in her field. Teran is not only a dedicated professional but also a devoted wife and mother of three. As the Executive Director for Roosevelt Custer Regional Council and Bowman County Development Corporation, Teran plays a pivotal role in regional development and economic growth. Her leadership extends to serving as Past President of the Economic Development Association of North Dakota Board and her position on the ND Governor’s Rural Development Council, reflecting her commitment to fostering community and economic development. Teran’s life is guided by her passion for family, faith, and community.



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**Hassaan Ebrahim**

*Strategy Consultant, Education Resource Strategies*

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Hassaan Ebrahim is a consultant at Education Resource Strategies (ERS), a non-profit organization based in Boston that supports education systems around the country in improving the strategic use of resource. At ERS, Hassaan has worked on projects related to school district finances, school design, and long-term financial sustainability. Hassaan is currently leading a network of state education agency leaders focused on supporting districts to use a system strategy return on investment approach to guide spending decisions. Hassaan has also provided implementation and continuous improvement support to districts making strategic investments in high-dosage tutoring and after school initiatives.



**Cathy Ehlers Metcalf**

*Senior Director of Education, The Congressional Medal of Honor Society*

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Cathy Ehlers Metcalf assumed oversight of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's Education Programs in 2014 upon retiring from a 30+ year teaching career. Her experience as a teacher, parent, and community volunteer in all levels of education infuses her leadership of these programs, which have expanded to include elementary as well as secondary programs, online experiences and in-person outreach on behalf of the Medal of Honor, in service to educators and students across the nation.



**Jolene Garty**

*Deputy Executive Director of Operations, South East Education Cooperative (SEEC)*

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Jolene Garty is the Deputy Executive Director at the South East Education Cooperative (SEEC) in Fargo, one of seven Regional Education Associations in North Dakota. She develops and executes strategies to support SEEC's mission of enhancing education in ND through quality services and visionary leadership. With over a decade of experience in state-wide educational initiatives and policy development, Jolene holds a Master of Public Administration. She began her career working for US Senator Kent Conrad and lives in Fargo with her husband and two children.





**Michele Gee**

*Economic Assistance Policy Division Director, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services*

Michele Gee has extensive experience in administering Economic Assistance Programs with expertise in operations, program development, federal grant management, and budget oversight. As the Economic Assistance Director at the ND Department of Health and Human Services since 2017, Michele leads programs including CCAP, LIHEAP, SNAP, and TANF, securing funding, ensuring regulatory compliance, and advising on critical program issues. Previously, Michele served as Public Assistance Director, overseeing program administration and budget management. Michele holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and an Associate of Science in Management Information Systems from the University of Mary, Bismarck, ND.



**President Doug Jensen**

*President, Bismarck State College*

Dr. Doug Jensen became the seventh president of Bismarck State College in July 2020. Prior to BSC, he served as president at Rock Valley Community College in Illinois and president of the Alabama Technology Network in the Alabama Community College System. He has also served in leadership roles at community and technical colleges in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. His extensive experience in public/private partnerships and workforce development initiatives, creating higher education pathways with K-12, and navigating higher education fiscal challenges and opportunities has been valuable in creating a BSC polytechnic educational model that engages students and industry with hands-on, applied learning to develop workplace-ready knowledge, skills, and degrees. He has more than 25 years of experience in higher education and is a proud community college graduate.



**Kay Larson**

*Director, Early Childhood Section, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services*

Kay Larson is Director of North Dakota Health and Human Services' Early Childhood Section, which was created in July 2021 to align and focus state programs and resources on a key department priority: quality early childhood experiences that enable children ages birth to five, their families, and those who support them to reach their potential. The section Kay leads includes child care licensing, provider training and technical assistance, the workforce registry and quality rating and improvement systems, family support and school engagement, the Best in Class year before kindergarten experience, Child Care Development Fund administration, and coordination of early childhood data systems. Together her team works closely with the HHS-Economic Assistance Section to implement the new legislative appropriations known as the ND Child Care Initiative.





**Dr. Marcus Lewton**

*Superintendent, Dickinson Public Schools*

Dr. Marcus Lewton was named Superintendent of Dickinson Public Schools in December 2021 after serving as Interim Superintendent from July 2021-December 2021. Lewton is the CEO of the school district and is the educational leader who promotes the success of all students and staff in the performance of their jobs. He is responsible for the effective operation of the District; for the general administration of all instructional, business, or other functions of the District; and for advising and making recommendations to the Board of Education with respect to such activities. Mr. Lewton served as the Principal of Dickinson Middle School from 2012 – 2020 and Director of Career and Technical Education for the district. Prior to that, he served as the Roughrider Area Career & Technical Center Director and a teacher in North Dakota and Minnesota. A Dickinson native, Dr. Lewton completed undergraduate studies in Agricultural Education at the University of Minnesota, holds a master’s degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Minnesota and a doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of South Dakota.



**Dr. Hollie Mackey**

*Associate Professor of Educational and Organizational Leadership, North Dakota State University*

Hollie Mackey, Ph.D. (Northern Cheyenne) is the Chief Executive Officer for the North Dakota Advanced Agriculture Technology Engine (FARMS). Dr. Mackey formerly served as an Associate Professor at NDSU’s School of Educational and Organizational Leadership and as the Executive Director for the White House Initiative to Advance Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Native Americans and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities. In partnership with the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, she designed the ND-LEADS, a school principal apprenticeship program at North Dakota State University. Dr. Mackey’s scholarship examines the effects of structural inequity in Indigenous and other marginalized populations in educational leadership and public policy which she uses to advocate nationally for Tribal sovereignty and self-determination in education.



**Laurie Matzke**

*Assistant Superintendent, North Dakota Department of Public Instruction*

Laurie Matzke currently serves as the Assistant State Superintendent for the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction. She supervises the Student Support & Innovation Division, which is comprised of six academic program offices within the department. Laurie leads the Grow Your Own work in the department, which includes the para-to-teacher pathway, registered teacher apprenticeship, and registered principal apprenticeship programming. Laurie graduated from Valley City State University with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and minors in reading and early childhood education. She obtained her master’s in curriculum and instruction at California State University, Fullerton. She taught first grade for five years in Corona, California, before joining the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction in 1993.





**Samantha Musacchia**

*SVP, Policy and Engagement, NWEA Division, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt*

Samantha Musacchia serves as VP, Senior Advisor, where she leads the division’s large-scale assessment strategy. She began her career at NWEA in 2019 as senior manager of Policy and Advocacy and most recently served as chief of staff for the State Solutions Division. Previously, Samantha worked in federal and state K-12 education policy, holding positions with the National Governors Association, Foundation for Excellence in Education, and Foundation for Florida’s Future. Samantha holds her BA in social science education from the University of Central Florida and her MPA from Florida State University.



**Joel Rose**

*Co-Founder and CEO, New Classrooms*

As a 5th-grade teacher, Joel Rose was committed to providing all of his students with an education they needed and deserved. Despite long hours and extensive training, he struggled with how best to organize daily instruction around the unique needs and strengths of each of his students. To address this challenge, Joel co-founded New Classrooms Innovation Partners as an independent, non-profit organization to bring innovative learning products and models to more students. Joel has published articles about personalized learning, innovation, and school models in The Atlantic, The 74, and Education Next. He has spoken at numerous convenings, including the Aspen Institute Ideas Festival; NBC’s Education Nation; and the annual conferences for the American Federation of Teachers, National School Boards Association, and National Association of Independent Schools. Joel holds a B.A. in political science from Tufts University and a J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law; and is also a Pahara-Aspen Education Fellow at the Aspen Institute.



**Wayde Sick**

*State Director and Executive Officer, North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education*

Wayde Sick has been involved in education and workforce development for over twenty years. His first role with the State of North Dakota was with the Workforce Division for the ND Department of Commerce, starting in that capacity in October 2012. In May of 2018, he was named the State Director for the Department of Career and Technical Education. Prior to serving for the State, Wayde was employed with the Burdick Job Corps Center in Minot from 2003-2011 where he served as an academic instructor, CTE Manager, and the Deputy Center Director. Wayde has a bachelor’s degree in Social Science Education and a master’s in management, both from Minot State University.





**Jack Soto**

*Senior Program Manager Career Readiness & Employment, American Indian College Fund; Navajo/Cocopah*

Jack Soto, MSOD, has extensive experience serving Native communities. Their career began at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian in 2005, followed by roles at the National Indian Education Association and as Director of Washington Internships for Native Students at American University. Jack co-founded iVoteNative to improve Native American voter engagement and operated Soto Consulting from 2011 to 2014. They briefly served as Project Coordinator at the National Coalition for the Advancement of Natives in Higher Education before joining the Cocopah Indian Tribe as an Environmental Protection Office Technical Assistant. Since 2015, Jack has worked at the American Indian College Fund, currently as Senior Program Manager for Career Readiness & Employment. They hold an MSOD and BA in Political Science from American University, focusing on Native leadership development throughout their career.



**The Honorable Molly Spearman**

*South Carolina State Superintendent of Education (2015-2023); Maxwell Ambassador, John Maxwell Leadership Foundation*

The legacy of hard work, public service, family and faith has shaped Molly Spearman's life and career. Serving as a teacher, state legislator, and non-profit director, her pathway was created to be elected as the South Carolina Superintendent of Education from 2015-2023. Now, she spends her time as Ambassador for the Maxwell Leadership Foundation introducing iLead – a student led values-based leadership resource to schools and communities across the United States. Her mission is to positively transform our future by adults and young people focusing on basic values and talking around the table. She has been married to Bill for 47 years, has two grown children and two precious granddaughters. They split their time on their family farm in Saluda, South Carolina and near the grands in Charlotte, North Carolina.



**Jessica Thomasson**

*Executive Director, Human Services Division, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services*

As the Executive Director of the Human Services Division within the ND Department of Health and Human Services, Jessica provides oversight and direction for a range of economic health and family wellbeing services within the department. Jessica holds bachelor’s degrees in political science and economics from the University of North Dakota and master’s degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in public policy analysis and urban/regional planning, with an emphasis on rural community development.



## THE HUNT INSTITUTE LEADERSHIP & STAFF



### The Honorable Arne Duncan

*U.S. Secretary of Education, 2009-2016 | Chair, Board of Directors*

After serving as a cabinet member under President Barack Obama, Arne Duncan returned home to Chicago in 2016, committed to trying to dramatically reduce the amount of gun violence in our city and allow children on the South and West sides to grow up free of fear and trauma.

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### The Honorable Susana Martinez

*Governor of New Mexico, 2011-2018 | Vice Chair, Board of Directors*

In 2010, Susana Martinez was elected governor of the State of New Mexico. She became New Mexico's first female governor and the first Hispanic female governor in the history of the United States. Prior to being elected governor, Martinez was a prosecutor for 25 years along the nation's southern border and served as Doña Ana County's elected district attorney for over half that time. As governor, she prioritized keeping New Mexico's communities safe, ensuring all students receive a high-quality education, and diversifying and growing the state's economy.

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### Javaid E. Siddiqi, Ph.D.

*President & CEO*

Former Virginia Secretary of Education Dr. Javaid Siddiqi is the President and CEO of The Hunt Institute. During his tenure The Institute has more than tripled its staff and has expanded its scope of work beyond K-12 to include the entire education continuum from early childhood to postsecondary and the workforce. Javaid works with the leadership team to guide the strategic plan for The Institute and develops The Institute's relationships with partners and funders across the nation. He works with senior-level elected officials across the political aisle to help design strategy, shape policy, and drive educational improvements on the national and state levels.

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The Hunt Institute brings together people and resources to inspire and inform elected officials and policymakers about key issues in education, resulting in visionary leaders who are prepared to take strategic action for greater educational outcomes and student success.

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