Statewide Mentoring Program Overview
South Dakota Department of Education

**Mentors**

- **Mentor Survey Responses**: 245
- **Mentor Focus Group Attendees**: 20

**Support of Program**

- 93% of Mentors would again mentor a New Teacher
- 98% of Mentors would recommend a colleague mentor a new teacher
- 95% of Mentors agreed that the program helped them enhance their own professional practice

**New Teachers**

- **New Teacher Survey Responses**: 278
- **New Teacher Focus Group Attendees**: 21

**Program Appreciation**

- 91% of New Teachers agreed the program helped them in solving problems
- 91% of New Teachers agreed that the program helped them feel less isolated
- 88% of New Teachers agreed the mentoring program increased their confidence in teaching

**Program Connections**

- 97% of Mentors indicated they learned new concepts and ideas from their New Teacher
- 89% of Mentors indicated their New Teacher came to them for advice outside of scheduled visits

**Support for New Teachers**

- 95% of New Teachers indicated they benefited from the mentoring program
- 93% of New Teachers felt engaged and supported by a professional community.

“*The mentoring program positively impacted me and my teaching because it allowed me to reflect and reevaluate my teaching from a new perspective.*” - Mentor

“I believe I wouldn’t be where I am today if it weren’t for the mentoring program. My mentor has been there for me both professionally and personally and has helped me through some emotional times in my classroom.” - New Teacher

For more information about the South Dakota Department of Education’s Statewide Mentoring Program, visit: [www.doe.sd.gov/mentoring/](http://www.doe.sd.gov/mentoring/)

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