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### **Individuals selected to serve on HB 1234 work groups**

PIERRE, S.D. – The Department of Education has announced the composition of three of the work groups related to House Bill 1234. These work groups include: Teacher Evaluation, Principal Standards and Evaluation, and Local Teacher Reward Plan Advisory Council. The secretary of education appoints these groups.

According to Secretary of Education Melody Schopp, the groups were formed with the goal of getting broad representation based on school size, geographic area, content area and experience. “I feel like we have accomplished that goal and have assembled a group of outstanding educators and community and school leaders,” she said.

There are several other groups associated with HB 1234: Critical Needs Scholarship Board, Local Teacher Reward Plan Oversight Board and Education Reform Advisory Council. Members of those groups are appointed by the legislature and/or the governor.

#### **TEACHER EVALUATION WORK GROUP**

Teachers:

Candy Ballard, Lead-Deadwood  
Nicole Keegan, Rapid City  
Paul Kuhlman, Avon  
Pat Moller, Mitchell  
Kristin Skogstad, Sioux Falls  
Sharla Steever, Hill City

Principals:

Kyley Cumbow, Pierre  
Kym Johnston, Lennox  
Kevin Lein, Harrisburg

Superintendents:

Don Kirkegaard, Meade  
Shayne McIntosh, Parkston

School board members:

Pam Haukaas, Colome Consolidated  
Rebecca Reimer, Chamberlain

Parents:

Pete Anderson, Rapid City  
Amy Blum, Chamberlain  
Shauna Hogland, Dell Rapids  
Stacy (Bauer) Jones, Brandon Valley



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Representing:

South Dakota Education Association: Steve O'Brien, Watertown  
School Administrators of South Dakota: Executive Director  
Associated School Boards of South Dakota: Wade Pogany

**PRINCIPAL EVALUATION WORK GROUP**

Principals:

Rob Coverdale, Pierre  
Melinda Jensen, Brookings  
Lisa McNeely, Aberdeen  
Jay Nelson, DeSmet  
Mark Rockafellow, West Central  
Brad Seamer, McCook Central

Teachers:

Janelle Farris, Rapid City  
Andrew R. Johnson, Hamlin  
Heather Whetham, Meade

Superintendents:

Pam Homan, Sioux Falls  
Deb Johnson, Chamberlain

School board members:

Denise Lutkemeier, Wilmot  
Tom Morris, Dell Rapids

Parents:

Jane Klug, Spearfish  
Shelly Munson, Tea  
Amy Policky, Rapid City

Representing:

South Dakota Education Association: Mary McCorkle, Mobridge-Pollock  
School Administrators of South Dakota: Executive Director  
Associated School Boards of South Dakota: Wade Pogany

**LOCAL TEACHER REWARD PLAN ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Principals/Superintendents:

Nick Gottlob, Lead-Deadwood  
Tami Hummel, Dakota Valley  
Tim Mitchell, Rapid City  
David Pappone, Brandon Valley  
Jarod Larson, Timber Lake  
Tim Pflanz, Tri-Valley



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Teachers:

Tanya Czepull, Brandon Valley  
Brett Distel, Douglas  
Becky Lockwood, Brookings  
Mary Schneider, Armour  
Joann Stephens, Belle Fourche  
Amber Stout, Pierre

School board members:

David Haagenon, Baltic  
Neil Putnam, Mitchell  
Mary Williams, Wall