

Dear Educators and Students:

I invite you to attend my ninth annual Great Plains Technology Conference on October 8 and 9 in Fargo, North Dakota. The Chamber of Commerce of Fargo Moorhead, the Information Technology Council of North Dakota and I team up to co-host the conference. This annual event, which spans two days, will discuss the ever-changing world of technology and its impact on our region.

This year, to encourage statewide participation, we are adding a new and exciting opportunity utilizing the latest technology available. We are partnering with EduTech, North Dakota ITD and NDSU to deliver the conference by using the interactive videoconferencing system and by streaming the sessions live over the World Wide Web.

Classes can participate in three ways:

1. Live interactive videoconference connection to the actual session
2. Live videoconference – view only – of actual session
3. View archived streams of each session from the conference

REGISTRATION

You can register online to participate in this conference! Registration opens today and will be available through September 21. Register now www.edutech.nodak.edu/greatplains/

Should you have questions or need assistance with registration, please contact your regional EduTech ITS, or email Kari.Sauer@sendit.nodak.edu or call 1.800.804.8550.

AGENDA

Eight sessions are scheduled throughout the two-day conference. You will notice four keynote sessions, which include: Lou Dobbs, CNN; Microsoft Surface Demonstration; Fred Smith, CEO, FedEx Corporation; and Dr. Tom Hunter, Sandia National Laboratory, Albuquerque, New Mexico. In addition to the keynote sessions, four sessions are geared specifically to students: i-SAFE America; Information Technology Council of North Dakota; Apple and a question and answer segment with me about technology. The student agenda is enclosed for your review.

I encourage your school's participation in this program. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Additional information regarding the conference can be found here on the website or by contacting Erin Prochnow in my Fargo office at 701.239.5389 or erin_prochnow@dorgan.senate.gov. I hope your school participates in this program October 8-9!

Sincerely,



Byron L. Dorgan
United States Senator

