Legislative Update

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Thank You

- Thanks for all the support your organizations extended to NDSU Extension during the 66th Legislative Assembly!
What did we accomplish?

• Fully funded base budget for NDSU Extension
• Fully funded both SBARE Initiatives
  – Digital transformation and web re-design
    • $345K in one-time funds
  – Operational support
    • $870K in ongoing support
• Funded a number of other critical needs in HB 1020 for
  the ND Ag Experiment Station and Upper Great Plains
  Transportation Institute
How Did We Accomplish It?

• Excellent grass roots support and lobbying by local constituents
• Asking stakeholders to help us tell the story
• Emphasizing the value proposition that exists for NDSU Extension
• With excellent support from your organizations
Operational Support

- SBARE’s number 2 initiative for NDSU Extension
- Will allow NDSU Extension to partner with counties in a more equitable manner
- Will allow NDSU to properly staff and manage county operations
- Provides $870,000 per biennium for supporting county programming
Web and Digital Delivery

- SBARE’s number 1 initiative
- Provides $345,000 in one time funding
- Redesign NDSU Extension web pages
  - Focus on improving end user experience
  - Provide for mobile access for all materials
  - Improve search function
Compensation Package

• Legislature included a compensation package for all state employees
  – Year 1, 2% Merit-based pay raise package
    • $120/mo minimum
  – Year 2, 2.5% Merit-based pay raise package
• Also continued to fund current health insurance package
Questions