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NORTH DAKOTA TEACHERS ATTEND INVEST NORTH DAKOTA

More than 120 North Dakota elementary and secondary teachers will participate in a four-day seminar entitled **Invest North Dakota** at the University of Mary (Clairmont Center) in Bismarck on July 15-19, 2002. The purpose of the seminar is to assist teachers in presenting financial topics to their students. In addition to presentations by business, education and professional leaders, teachers will receive valuable resources for curriculum planning.

“Today’s young people will face an array of personal finance decisions that will far surpass the decisions that their parents or grandparents had to make”, said Diane Kambeitz, investor education coordinator for the Office of the Securities Commissioner. “The bad news is that most high school students are shockingly ill-equipped to make these decisions that will determine the quality of their lives, such as handling credit cards, paying taxes, even saving for the future. But the good news is that recent studies have found that just 10 hours of financial literacy instruction will prompt most young people to start saving. Teachers who help students learn useful financial principles and financial planning certainly deserve our assistance, encouragement and thanks,” said Kambeitz.

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Approximately 20 business, education and professional leaders from around the state and nation will present topics on business and investing during the seminar. In addition teachers will be introduced to an innovative curriculum, “Financial Literacy 2010”, that teaches students the fundamentals of personal finance. They’ll also be provided with another curriculum tool through “the Stock Market Game”, an Internet simulation of Wall Street trading that provides a framework for teaching students in grades 4-12 about the American economic system.

Invest North Dakota is a valuable experience for all North Dakota teachers from elementary through high school. Teachers who complete the four-day seminar will receive two (2) graduate credits of continuing education from Minot State University, North Dakota State University or the University of North Dakota

“Invest North Dakota” is an important step toward teaching our state’s future leaders the value of sound financial planning, saving and wise investing,” concluded Kambeitz.

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