**OVERVIEW**

The ND State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) and North Dakota University System (NDUS) institutions prioritize the importance of OER textbooks for students. Below are some of the ongoing efforts:

- Collaborate with the ND Student Association to promote the adoption of OER textbooks for students within NDUS institutions.
- Provide easy access to students when searching for courses using OER textbooks.
- Maximize the strengths of the unified system in supporting low cost/no cost textbooks.
- Development of a system-wide new alternative math pathway (Mathematics in Society) utilizing OER resources.

**RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- In 2023, NDUS disbursed $96,500 to support faculty to integrate, edit, and develop OER textbooks for students.
- NDUS modified the student information system class search to display courses using OER textbooks.
- The SBHE developed a dashboard to monitor the adoption of low cost/no cost textbooks.

**NEXT BIG THINGS**

- Continue to increase the amount of OER courses identified in the student information system.
- Collaborate with bookstore and library staff and faculty to identify OER textbooks and promote the benefits of OERs for students.
- ND OER Summit

**WAYS MHEC CAN HELP**

- Advanced resources and webinars for faculty who integrate, edit, and develop OER textbooks for students.
- Funding to support faculty and promote OERs to students.
- Standardization and centralization of cost savings calculations for NDUS other states and systems.