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Governor Burgum's week in review

HIGHER ED TASK FORCE MEETS



This week

- Higher ed task force meets for second time
- NGA convenes Winter Meeting
 - Governor, First Lady meet Australian PM
- Work on TR Presidential Library continues
- Lt. Gov. visits campuses, talks workforce

The Governor's [Task Force for Higher Education Governance](#) met Wednesday in Fargo for the second time, hearing from experts Pat Traynor from the Dakota Medical Foundation and Thomas Meredith with the Association of Governing Boards about maximizing the effectiveness of governing boards.

The task force was created last November to evaluate the governance structure for North Dakota's higher education system and determine if improvement opportunities exist to better meet the state's educational and workforce needs for the 21st century. The group may provide recommendations for the Legislature to consider during its 2019 session.

NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION MEETING KICKS OFF



Issues important to North Dakota were front and center at the [National Governors Association \(NGA\) Winter Meeting](#) in Washington, D.C. Gov. Burgum planned to attend sessions on infrastructure, the opioid crisis, innovative education and the future of agriculture, as well as events with President Trump, Vice President Pence and foreign leaders including President Nana Akufo-Addo of Ghana, with whom the North Dakota National Guard has been involved in the State Partnership Program since 2004. The meeting continues through Monday.

GOVERNOR, FIRST LADY MEET AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER

Gov. Burgum and First Lady Kathryn Helgaas Burgum were honored to meet Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull at the NGA Winter Meeting and to hear Turnbull's inspiring keynote address to governors during the session "Celebrating 100 Years of Mateship." Australia is North Dakota's friend, trading partner and third-largest export market, and Turnbull spoke about the importance of trade, U.S. global leadership and international partnerships. North Dakota's [exports were up 5.6 percent last year](#), topping \$2 billion, including over \$120 million to Australia.



PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY VISIONING SESSION HELD



Gov. Burgum met with engaged community members and stakeholders at a strategic planning summit in Medora for the proposed [Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library](#), a project with incredible potential that will have world-wide impact and legacy for the memory of one of our nation's most inspiring leaders.

LT. GOVERNOR MEETS WITH HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERS

As the administration continues to work on transforming education as one of its [five strategic initiatives](#), Lt. Gov. Brent Sanford spent time at Dickinson State University and Williston State College, learning about the key roles the campuses and students play in their communities and how they're working to help meet the state's workforce needs. Thanks to DSU President Mitzel and WSC President Miller for their hospitality!

