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Governor Burgum's week in review

## WHITE HOUSE HOSTS SESSION ON PRIORITIES



### This week

- White House hosts session on shared priorities
- Governor meets with Interior Secretary Zinke
  - First Lady participates in Opioids Summit
- N.D. ranks 1st in quality of life
- Lt. Gov. meets on innovative education

The final day of the National Governors Association Winter Meeting was full of meetings with leaders at the White House and on Capitol Hill, including a [session on shared state-federal priorities](#) with President Trump and Vice President Pence. Topics included infrastructure, workforce development, the opioid epidemic and school safety.

Gov. Burgum also took part in a White House breakout session on workforce development with Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta and Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, as well as a separate session on prison reform and a meeting with House Speaker Paul Ryan on how the federal government and states can better work together to empower a 21st century workforce.

# INTERIOR SECRETARY ZINKE MEETS WITH GOVERNOR



During the four-day [National Governors Association \(NGA\) Winter Meeting](#) in Washington, D.C., Gov. Burgum also had the opportunity to meet with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. The governor and the former Montana congressman discussed topics important to North Dakota, including streamlining permitting for oil and gas development, tribal issues and the proposed [Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library](#).

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# FIRST LADY PARTICIPATES IN WHITE HOUSE OPIOIDS SUMMIT

First Lady Kathryn Helgaas Burgum [participated in the White House Opioids Summit](#). Leaders from the Trump administration and Capitol Hill outlined progress made to address the opioid crisis since the President declared it a public health emergency last October, and Helgaas Burgum highlighted [North Dakota's own efforts to eliminate the shame and stigma](#) of the disease of addiction.





# U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT: N.D. HAS BEST QUALITY OF LIFE

North Dakota ranks #1 in quality of life



The annual Best States rankings by U.S. News & World Report reaffirmed what North Dakotans already knew: They enjoy [the highest quality of life in America](#). This was the first year U.S. News included the quality of life category, and [North Dakota took top honors](#), with Gov. Burgum interviewed for the article. The state also ranked fourth overall and first in growth of young population, labor force participation rate, low food insecurity and budget balancing.

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## LT. GOVERNOR, DINTERSMITH DISCUSS EDUCATION INNOVATION

Lt. Gov. Brent Sanford enjoyed catching up with [edu21c.com](#) founder Ted Dintersmith on progress being made to support innovative education in our schools and prepare students for a 21st century economy. Read more about the administration's efforts to transform education, one of [five strategic initiatives](#). The governor has challenged schools to submit at least 20 innovative education plans by the 2018 school year, and the next Innovative Education Summit is scheduled for June 6-7 at Northern Cass School near Hunter.

