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Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 11:43 AM
To: Tibke, Sandra M.; Amy.Beshara@state.sd.us
Cc: Thissen-Milder, Mary (MDE)
Subject: postponement

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I am so disappointed that Sandy is receiving so much backlash concerning this conference. I have been down that road often and certainly can understand all she is going through. I believe it is a good conference with a defensible research-based agenda.

That being said, I have discussed the situation here and we have made the determination that it is best to postpone this event until the conclusion of the session. We have low numbers at this point, so let's use that as justification.

Political climates are vulnerable everywhere right now – MN too is dealing with the potential of losing our minor consent law – Comp sex ed has been introduced, but hasn't even been granted a hearing.

Since the election many folks in our field have said our goal is to hold our ground and try not to move backwards. Although the intention of this conference is a good one, the fall out and negative consequences to years of progress could be of far greater loss. State Departments of Education are under fire in so many states – the timing of this is just too tough. Let's wait and do it some other time.

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To: Tibke, Sandra M.
Cc: 'Kurt Conklin'
Subject: Re: FW: postponement

Hi Sandy-

I'm so sorry things have come to this. I totally understand the rationale and wouldn't want the conference to do anything to jeopardize the status of legislation or put programs back. It's just a disappointment that folks can exert enough pressure to have this be the result.

Please let me know how you'd like me to proceed with covering the airfare cost we've laid out and getting a credit on the airline for when this is rescheduled.

Many thanks,

Nora

PS - Seems like we'll have a lot to talk about after dinner, with a cocktail at TISHE! :-)

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Oh, so sorry to hear this news. I understand, of course. I hope we'll find a way to re-group and make this happen when conditions are more supportive!

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