



Brookings School District

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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Tanna Stadler, PK-5 Director of Curriculum & Instruction

RE: Board Report

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A Great Place To Learn:

- **Early literacy screening** - We have implemented Waterford in our preschool and Junior Kindergarten rooms. They have a literacy screening tool that we are also going to utilize. We will be administering this screening tool twice this year once in November and again in May.
- **Preschool update** - We had some big things checked off this month in the preschool area. Our official licenses were received, we are now able to feed our students in the lunchrooms, the remainder of our furniture arrived and our playgrounds at Hillcrest and Medary were completed.
- **Literacy** - The DOE is opening up the final cohort in the AIM Science of Reading Pathways this week. We are excited about how many of our certified staff have already taken or are in the process of taking these courses and are encouraging those that haven't to do so. We are hopeful that the DOE will continue this work in some form after this year.
- **Social Studies** - We've received many of the books that will compliment the new social studies standards that will go into effect for next year. Those have started to get delivered to the elementary buildings. We've shared the DOE professional development courses on the program that the state will offer with the staff so they can begin to look at the resources that will be available. We will bring a group together soon to begin looking at the program, standards and roll out plan.

A Great Place To Work:

- **In-service day** - We had a filled day for our elementary staff on October 11th.
 - JK-3 spent the morning in training on explicit instructions with Kim Davidson and Chris Snyder. This training is part of what we receive through our MTSS grant.
 - **Early Childhood and Preschool** - had a morning in autism training with Keena Melville.
 - We also had Dr. SHeila Mulder and Dr. Katie Anderson here to do a science of reading training. They spent the morning with middle and high school staff and the afternoon with our elementary staff.

