Brookings School District

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TO: Board of Education

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RE: November Board Report

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A Great Place to Learn

1. **Standards Revision** – I have started working with Social Studies teachers to review and realign our curriculum to the new standards, which are set to be implemented in the 2025-2026 school year. I am starting that work with a standards crosswalk and ordering sample materials to review. I will be touching base with science teachers throughout the school year to ensure they have what they need as we roll into their new standards.

2. **CTE** – I am starting to get my footing with CTE and Perkins. Over the course of this school year, I will be conducting an audit of our CTE programming to ensure it aligns with state goals, community needs, and staff certifications. I am excited to do this work.

A Great Place to Collaborate

1. **ELA-SD Advisory Board** – I was asked to serve on a statewide Literacy Advisory Council earlier this month. Our first meeting will be in November/December. The purpose of this advisory board is "to provide input on tools, materials, and professional development to expand professional learning opportunities as well as providing input on application protocol." The South Dakota Department of Education was awarded a Comprehensive Literacy State Development grant to enhance literacy outcomes in our state. Grant funds will be used to provide training, materials, and subgrants to school districts to improve literacy instruction.

2. **SDSU Teacher Education Advisory Group** – I have also been invited to be a part of SDSU's Teacher Education Advisory Group. We will meet on November 19th. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss questions about teacher education programs and how to improve them.