



Brookings School District

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TO: Board of Education

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RE: December Board Report

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A Great Place to Learn

- 1. State Testing Season** – I am starting to prepare for state testing. The first state assessment we give is the ACCESS test. This is an assessment for our English Learners. State and district testing information and schedules are located on our website. You can find them by following this [link](#). The state testing windows are as follows:
 - **ACCESS and ACCESS Alt** – January 28-February 28
 - **SD ELA and Math** – March 24-May2
 - **SD Science and Science Alt** – March 24-May 2
 - **SD ELA and Math Alt** – March 10-April 25
- 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.
- 3. Bobcat Plains Academy** - It's been a busy month at Bobcat Plain. After many of our changes, our staff and students are finding a nice rhythm. Conferences were a great opportunity to meet with families, discuss progress, and talk through plans and goals with students and families. We are starting to look forward to the second semester. I will meet with the team in the coming month to take time to process the changes we made and start making any adjustments we need to as we look to the rest of the school year. We are thinking strategically about the remainder of the school year and the coming school year.

A Great Place to Collaborate

- 1. ELA-SD Advisory Board** – I participated in the first advisory board meeting on November 15. We learned about a grant for literacy that will be available to districts in January. I'm excited about this opportunity for our district.
- 2. Rotary Presentation** – I had the opportunity to speak to Rotary about Bobcat Plains Academy. I appreciate the opportunity to share about what we do at BPA and how we work to serve students.