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TO: Board of Education

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RE: December Board Report

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Here are items of note from our office:

1. **State Assessments** – Testing season will kick off with the ACCESS test in January. The testing window opens on January 22 and closes on February 23.
2. **State Report Card Data Meetings** – Tanna and I have had the opportunity to visit many of the schools in-district to discuss state report card data and how that can be used. We have shared three-year target reports so that teams can dig into targets in both English and math and find areas of strength and areas that need improvement. It has been nice to be back in the buildings looking at student data and brainstorming ways that we can improve.
3. **NWEA Testing** – Middle and high school students will take their winter benchmark MAP test in January. We will be able to look at growth targets once we have the winter benchmark data and plan for the remainder of the year.
4. **NWEA Training for Administrators** – BSD Administration will learn more about using MAP growth targets at our second round of training on January 29.
5. **Tea Area Network of Improvers** – I had the opportunity to attend a professional development event hosted by the Tea Area School District in mid-November. I learned about how their district uses continuous improvement strategies and tracks and shares data with stakeholders. It was a fantastic way to see and learn about the work they are doing to make their district better.
6. **Dual Credit English at BHS** – I am excited to be helping finish the semester with three sections of students at BHS. I took over the three sections of Dual Credit English Composition 101 after the Thanksgiving break until the end of the semester. It has been nice to be back in the classroom working with students.
7. **Standards Under Review** – This year, the science standards and the CTE government and public administration cluster standards are under review. You can learn more at <https://doe.sd.gov/ContentStandards/CTE-review.aspx>.

