



Brookings School District

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TO: Board of Education

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RE: Board Report

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- **A Great Place To Learn:**

- **Title** - All documents for Title had to be uploaded in the CRATE system by October 1. We have moved from a level four to a level two on our title monitoring so will not have to have an on site review this year.
- **MTSS Grant** - Last year we were awarded spots for 3 of our schools in the MTSS/RTI Cohort through the DOE. The schools that were awarded are Dakota Prairie, Hillcrest, and Medary. The description of what the grant offers and what our commitment for the grant is below.
 - 4-year commitment –
 - Years 1 and 2 are awarded \$1500 each year for each building (most of this is spent on motel, travel and stipends for the summer training), year 3 is awarded \$1000 and \$500 for year 4.
 - I applied for all of our JK-5 buildings.
 - Note: 2 of our 4 do not have any title services.
 - Because of coaching availability Camelot was not awarded – they are on the list for the next round.
 - During years 1, 2 and 3 schools will focus on developing a common understanding of RTI at the Tier 1 level and then shift into developing a framework for intervention. This year our focus for all three schools is tier 1 and explicit instruction.
 - What we get and what our commitment is:
 - Each school is assigned an MTSS coordinator to guide and facilitate our building teams through planning, training, and data analysis.
 - Each school has a leadership team that will attend training, and hold monthly meetings.
 - Instructional coaching supports.
 - The coordinator assigned to the school will assist the building team in developing a sustainable coaching plan and will be going into the classrooms to help coach teachers in their tier 1 instruction. Our coaches/coordinators have 1 day a month scheduled to come into the buildings to work with their grade level teams.
 - All staff will participate in data digs for their building 3 times per

- year.
- 18 hours of professional development from our building coordinators. We have this training built and scheduled into our Wednesday schedule and our two in-service days in October and January.
- **A Great Place To Work:**
 - **Meeting with EL Team** - I was able to meet with our English Language teachers as well as our Consortium Leader, Jean Larson, for half a day to do some planning and goal setting for the year.
 - **Planning in-service day**- We have various guest speakers working with our staff during the in-service day this month. We will have Keena Melville from SDSU working with our Early Childhood Special Education and Preschool Staff on strategies for working with neurodivergent learners as well as our three MTSS Coordinators presenting to our JK-3 on tier 1 instruction and explicit instruction. We also have Dr. Katie Anderson and Dr. Sheila Mulder presenting on the science of reading for all of PreK through 5th grade staff.
 - **Leadership academy**- I am taking part in the South Dakota Administrators Leadership Academy this year led by Tom Oster and Rick Melmer. We had our first of our face to face meeting in Sioux Falls in September. The Leadership Academy runs through the school year and has participants from districts throughout the state.
- **A Great Place To Collaborate:**
 - **Collaborative/Preschool Update** -
 - Our preschool playgrounds are taking shape! All equipment has been delivered and installed. We are now waiting on the turf. The last check in that I had they stated that sometime the week of October 14th they should be able to be here to finish the turf installation.
 - We had our last walk through with our licensing agent and all items are complete for the year.