



Brookings School District

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A Great Place to Learn

1. **State Testing Season** – We wrapped up our testing season last week. This week, we will make sure to log any students who didn't participate and the reason for it. We will also submit any medical exemptions to the Department of Education. Results are starting to trickle in, and some of our data teams are starting to look at scores. Student results will go home in May.
2. **Bobcat Plains Academy** – As we wrap up the end of the 24/25 school year at BPA, we have a great group of seniors graduating. Our students are finishing strong.

We are also starting to plan for the 25/25 school year. We are working on updating our student lists, staffing, and schedule. It's exciting to think about what next year will bring at BPA.

A Great Place to Work

1. **Summer Professional Development** – Tanna and I are starting to work on the list of summer professional development opportunities that will be shared with staff. We plan to have a host of book studies that staff can take and earn either graduate credit or continuing education credits. Our focus this summer will be on priority areas in the district.