

# **Brookings School District**

Empowering all learners to embrace and be inspired to realize their potential.

# HILLCREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## **October 2024 School Board Report**

#### **A Great Place to Work:**

Hillcrest is a great place to work because it fosters strong relationships through open communication and community involvement. Weekly staff newsletters and daily morning emails keep everyone informed and connected, while events like the Homecoming parade, where staff came together to build and showcase a float, create a sense of camaraderie and school pride.



## **A Great Place to Collaborate:**

Hillcrest thrives on collaboration by valuing strong partnerships between staff, families, and the community. With over 350 people attending our community Open House and parent volunteers actively supporting classrooms, events like the 2nd-grade Grandparents and Special Friends gathering and the successful coin drive during Homecoming week showcase the collective efforts to enrich student experiences and create a vibrant school environment.

#### A Great Place to Learn

Hillcrest is an outstanding place to learn, with weekly ACEs classes led by the school counselor to support students' emotional well-being alongside their academic growth. With academic learning in full swing, staff continuously collaborate through data dig meetings to tailor instruction and prepare for initiatives like Walk to Read, ensuring each student's success is at the heart of our efforts.



## A School District of Excellence

Hillcrest Elementary is part of a district of excellence, dedicated to providing top tier learning environments and equitable opportunities for all students. With ongoing efforts to complete our construction project that has enhanced our learning environment, Hillcrest Elementary is also focused on refining attendance procedures to ensure students are present and ready to learn. Additionally, reviewing the RDA process with staff underscores our commitment to equity and inclusion, ensuring every learner has access to the resources they need to succeed.