



# Brookings School District

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

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TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Stacey VanBeek  
RE: Administrative Report  
DATE: May 12, 2025

Business Services updates:

## **A Great Place to Collaborate**

- The spring South Dakota Association of School Business Officials conference was held in Pierre from April 22-24, 2025. I found several of our sessions to be very beneficial, especially the ones regarding property tax levies and regulations. The large school round-table discussion was also a great opportunity to network with other business managers and to be able to ask questions of our peers with similar enrollment to Brookings.
- I attended training on April 29, 2025, to better understand the IDEA grant application process. I will work with Tanna Stadler and Michelle Vande Weerd as we complete the application for next year to make sure the correct staff are entered for federal funding. Travel, conference opportunities, equipment, and material purchases will also be considered if funding allows.
- Extraordinary Cost Fund (ECF) applications were due on April 30 and our request for this year is \$1,030,775. In 2024 the request was \$1,096,187, so it is down approximately 6.5% this year. We hope that continues to be the trend as we work to be more efficient in meeting our learners' needs. The ECF oversight committee met on May 7 and they hope to inform districts by May 20 of their decisions. ECF money allocated will be added to the May 2025 state aid payment at the end of the month.
- Each year Collier's Securities awards one \$2,500 scholarship to a South Dakota school business manager to attend the Association of School Business Officials national conference in the fall. This year the conference will be held the week of October 20 in Fort Worth, Texas. I am proud to announce that I am the scholarship award winner for this year! I look forward to the networking and learning opportunities this conference will provide for me and our district.

## **A Responsible District**

- I completed the FY24 indirect cost calculations for federal programs. Indirect costs are defined as costs that are incurred for the benefit of more than one cost objective, but are not readily assignable to any program. It typically covers costs which serve a common or joint purpose, such as fiscal services.

- Keith Fodness and I met with a representative from a natural gas provider to learn more about natural gas billing and pricing, including the locking in of pricing for multiple months. The district currently has natural gas pricing locked with Symmetry through September 2025.