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Via certified mail and email

Dr. Joe Graves, Secretary of Education
South Dakota Department of Education
800 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2235

RE: Response to Letter of Warning and Accreditation Probation Status

Dear Dr. Graves,

I wanted to confirm receipt of the letter dated March 10, 2023 from the South Dakota Department of Education regarding the Brookings School District having four deficiencies for the recent accreditation review by the Department of Education. The deficiencies remaining note are:

- School Improvement Plan. Authorized by ARSD 24:43:01:03
- Teacher Evaluation. Authorized by SDCL 13-42-34
- Principal Evaluation. Authorized by ARSD 24:58:03:01
- Certification. Authorized by SDCL 13-42-1.2 and 13-43-5; ARSD 24:43:10:01

According to the certified letter on March 10, 2023 the Brookings School District is required to provide a "detailed plan of corrective action pursuant to ARSD 24:43:01:08 and 24:43:07:03. The plan must set forth the actions the district is either implementing and will implement to resolve outstanding areas of noncompliance. Please include expected completion dates in the plan. This plan must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2023."

Per the requirements of the Department of Education, please find the attached plan of action submitted by the Brookings School District. If you have questions regarding our plan of action and the plan requires additional clarification, please feel free to contact our offices at 605-696-4700 and speak with Dr. Michelle VandeWeerd and Mrs. Tanna Stadler. These two individuals have been instrumental in leading the bulk of the accreditation process as the Directors of Curriculum, Instruction, and Continuous Improvement for the Brookings School District.

Thank you for the support from your team as we have navigated the rigorous accreditation process.

Sincerely,

Dr. Klint W. Willert
Superintendent of Schools
Brookings School District