

# MEADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 46-1



Our Mission:

*"To Build Knowledge and Skills for Success Today and Tomorrow"*

## Message from the Superintendent

This annual report represents information for the 2014-15 school year for Meade School District. It contains important and varied information, including district finances, food service operations and student data, to list a few.

This report is organized in an easy-to-read format containing similar data from year-to-year so comparisons can be made. Kris Hubbard, the district communications specialist, prepares the report and I appreciate her efforts and the quality of the finished product. The report is only a snapshot of the district and the many programs and services that we provide. If you have specific questions regarding programs or data, please contact the building principal or district office.

Meade School District continues to move forward with efforts to enhance technology availability. High school students and teachers were provided one-to-one computer technology with the start of the school year. There were a few bumps along the way but students and staff thought it was very successful. In March, the Meade School Board authorized a significant technology expenditure for students and staff in the middle school as well as other sixth, seventh and eighth grade students throughout the district. Technology will never replace an effective teacher, but it does provide for an excellent interactive tool for teachers and students to use.

The middle school renovation/remodel project was officially completed in November. The seventh and eighth grade students were able to start the year at Sturgis Williams Middle School while the sixth-graders moved back into the building in October. The overall cost of the project was about \$3.3 million with roughly \$2.9 million coming from insurance. I think everyone agrees that we have a better facility now than we did before the roof collapse. In addition to fixing the roof, the library was relocated and renovated, air-conditioning was installed, the school's offices were moved and renovated, and a new security system was installed. If you have not had an opportunity to visit the middle school, we encourage you to do so.

The district continues to grow. There have been significant increases in new house construction, both in Sturgis and the Summerset/Piedmont area. With the new construction, an increase in enrollment is expected. Sturgis Elementary and Piedmont Valley Elementary are both at capacity, so we will continue to evaluate space at both facilities as we plan for the future.

In April, the Meade School Board contracted with Architecture Incorporated, a firm out of Sioux Falls and

Rapid City, to design a possible middle school at Stagebarn. The school board members have not made a decision about a new middle school but are looking toward the future to get estimates on cost, size, location, capacity and affordability. Before any decision is made, there will be ample opportunities for public input.



**Don Kirkegaard**

In April, students in grades three through eight and eleventh grade took the Smarter Balanced Assessment, which is an online test focused on South Dakota standards for reading and math. Results are included in this Annual Report. When reviewing the results, please remember this is a new assessment which raised the bar for expectations, so results should not be compared to the old Dakota STEP Assessment.

Our enrollment for the 2014-15 school year was 2,642 students, down 11 students from the previous year. Since our budget is based on student numbers, we will continue to closely monitor enrollment. We are fiscally conservative in the district and are anticipating a 1 percent increase in the budget for the 2015-16 school year.

Meade School District is an excellent school district. We have strong programs and highly qualified staff at all our facilities.

We also have a great Special Services program that meets the needs of all our students in the district. The Buildings and Grounds Department is consistently looking at ways to maintain and improve our facilities while the Technology Department continues to provide quality service for all Meade students and staff. Finally, we are continually working with our faculty and law enforcement agencies to ensure all our schools are safe and conducive to student learning.

If you haven't visited one of the schools lately, please stop in and see all the good things that are happening. You will be impressed!

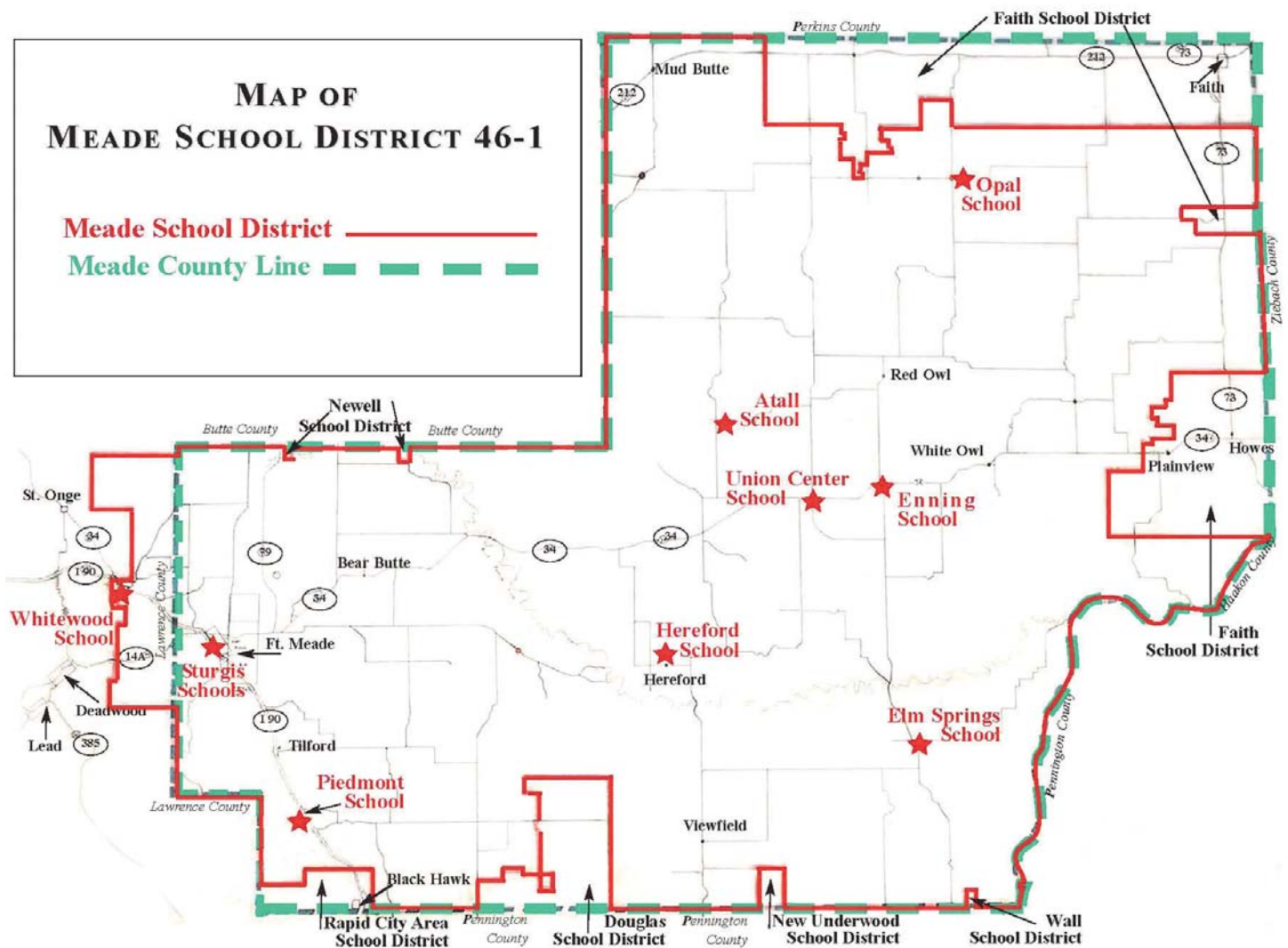
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Superintendent Don Kirkegaard, Meade School District

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- ★ Meade School District ranks 11th in K-12 enrollment among the 151 public school districts in South Dakota.
- ★ Meade School District ranks first in area among South Dakota school districts, encompassing 3,122 square miles.
- ★ Meade School District pupil-teacher ratios are 13.12 students per teacher in K-8; 8.5 students per teacher in rural K-8; and 13.25 students per teacher in 9-12.

# Facilities



## **Piedmont Valley Elementary School**

**Year Built: 2011**

**2014-15 Operating Costs: \$131,816**

**Building Square Footage: 82,300**



## **Whitewood Elementary School**

**Year Built: 1992**

**2014-15 Operating Costs: \$63,532**

**Building Square Footage: 29,000**



## **Sturgis Elementary School**

**Year Built/Additions: 1985/2009**

**2014-15 Operating Costs: \$196,198**

**Building Square Footage: 96,160**



## **Sturgis Williams Middle School**

**Year Built/Renovated: 1956/2000, 2014**

**2014-15 Operating Costs: \$257,105**

**Building Square Footage: 79,700**



## **Williams Administrative Building**

**Year Built/Renovated: 1936/2009, 2010, 2011**

**2014-15 Operating Costs: \$37,041**

**Building Square Footage: 29,610**



## **Francis Case Curriculum/Technology Building**

**Year Built/Renovated: 1962/2011**

**2014-15 Operating Costs: \$22,981**

**Building Square Footage: 6,490**

Operating costs include repairs and maintenance, utilities, water, phone, sewer, custodial supplies, and snow and garbage removal.

**Atall**  
**Year Built:** 1984  
**2014-15 Operating Costs:** \$14,185  
**Building Square Footage:** 4,080



**Elm Springs**  
**Year Built:** 1971  
**2014-15 Operating Costs:** \$9,409  
**Building Square Footage:** 2,880



**Enning**  
**Year Built:** 1969/1971  
**2014-15 Operating Costs:** \$17,827  
**Building Square Footage:** 5,232



**Hereford**  
**Year Built/Renovated:** 1962/1968, 2012  
**2014-15 Operating Costs:** \$13,548  
**Building Square Footage:** 3,344



**Opal**  
**Year Built:** 1975  
**2014-15 Operating Costs:** \$9,060  
**Building Square Footage:** 2,464



**Union Center**  
**Year Built:** 1984  
**2014-15 Operating Costs:** \$14,185  
**Building Square Footage:** 4,080



Operating costs include repairs and maintenance, utilities, water, phone, sewer, custodial supplies, and snow and garbage removal.



**Sturgis Brown High School**

**Year Built/Additions:** 1973, 1979/1982, 1988, 2000  
**2014-15 Operating Costs:** \$284,355  
**Building Square Footage:** 180,718



**Business Building**

**Year Built:** 1969  
**2014-15 Operating Costs:** \$15,975  
**Building Square Footage:** 10,437



**Ag Building**

**Year Built:** 1971  
**2014-15 Operating Costs:** \$19,170  
**Building Square Footage:** 12,024



**Buildings and Grounds/Central Copy and Supply**

**Year Built:** 1999  
**2014-15 Operating Costs:** \$23,456  
**Building Square Footage:** 3,180



**Maintenance Shop**

**Year Built:** 1881-82  
**2014-15 Operating Costs:** \$4,980  
**Building Square Footage:** 4,680

Operating costs include repairs and maintenance, utilities, water, phone, sewer, custodial supplies, and snow and garbage removal.

# Food Service

## Percentage of Children Eligible to Eat

Free Meals.....31 percent  
 Reduced Price Meals.....11 percent  
 Full Price Meals.....58 percent

## Cost of Meals

Breakfast: Students, \$1.85; Adults, \$2.10  
 Lunch: Students, \$2.80; Adults, \$3.30  
 Reduced price for breakfast: 30 cents  
 Reduced price for lunch: 40 cents

## Average Daily Participation

Whitewood Elementary.....76.75 percent  
 Sturgis Elementary.....75.02 percent  
 SWMS.....74.27 percent  
 Piedmont Valley Elementary...67.41 percent  
 SBHS.....\*57.83 percent

\*The a la carte option at SBHS is not figured in the meal participation.

## Breakfast and Lunch Participation

| <u>Year</u>    | <u>Full Price Meals</u>               | <u>Reduced Price Meals</u>          | <u>Free Meals</u>                     | <u>Total Meals Served</u>             |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>2014-15</b> | 12,955 (breakfast)<br>142,191 (lunch) | 9,475 (breakfast)<br>34,175(lunch)  | 42,149 (breakfast)<br>102,207 (lunch) | 64,579 (breakfast)<br>278,573 (lunch) |
| <b>2013-14</b> | 11,109 (breakfast)<br>137,845 (lunch) | 8,751 (breakfast)<br>40,608 (lunch) | 39,623 (breakfast)<br>100,033 (lunch) | 59,483 (breakfast)<br>278,486 (lunch) |
| <b>2012-13</b> | 14,087 (breakfast)<br>133,900 (lunch) | 8,266 (breakfast)<br>34,331 (lunch) | 39,587 (breakfast)<br>100,227 (lunch) | 61,940(breakfast)<br>268,458 (lunch)  |
| <b>2011-12</b> | 16,114 (breakfast)<br>141,566 (lunch) | 7,142 (breakfast)<br>32,651 (lunch) | 38,314 (breakfast)<br>91,858 (lunch)  | 61,570 (breakfast)<br>266,075 (lunch) |
| <b>2010-11</b> | 15,884 (breakfast)<br>144,365 (lunch) | 8,624 (breakfast)<br>33,429 (lunch) | 35,880 (breakfast)<br>90,652 (lunch)  | 60,388 (breakfast)<br>268,446 (lunch) |

## Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

A total of \$72,888.58 was spent during the 2014-15 school year on fruits and vegetables for the students at Sturgis Elementary, Whitewood Elementary and Piedmont Valley Elementary through the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The program is designed to provide fresh fruits and vegetables free of charge during the school day to all children who are enrolled in the participating schools.

The purpose of the program is to expand and increase the variety and amount of fruits and vegetables that children experience and con-

sume while emphasizing the long-term goals of healthy eating habits and reducing childhood obesity.

The district receives a set amount of money per enrolled child to buy, prepare and serve the fresh fruits and vegetables. The food must be fresh, not canned, frozen or mixed with other foods, and must be served as a snack during the school day rather than as part of the regular meal service.

Sturgis and Whitewood Elementary Schools have participated in the program for six years and Piedmont Elementary for three years. Schools are selected for the

program through a competitive grant process.

The program is administered by the USDA Food and Nutrition Services and the South Dakota Department of Education Child and Adult Nutrition Services.

The following were purchased with a portion of the money.

- Grapes:** 2,641 pounds
- Honey Dew Melons:** 910 pounds
- Cantaloupe:** 1,530 pounds
- Watermelon:** 1,095 pounds
- Mangos:** 1,055 pounds
- Pineapples:** 1,525 pounds
- Peppers:** 789 pounds
- Apples:** 2,641 apples

# Finances

## Budgeted Revenue 2014-15

|                 | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Capital Outlay</u> | <u>Special Education</u> | <u>Pension Fund</u> | <u>Capital Projects</u> | <u>Food Service</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Local</b>    | \$7,833,000         | \$4,538,040           | \$2,099,543              | \$446,300           |                         | \$610,130           |
| <b>County</b>   | \$495,000           |                       |                          |                     |                         |                     |
| <b>State</b>    | \$6,031,812         |                       | \$411,417                |                     |                         |                     |
| <b>Federal</b>  | \$1,232,313         | \$333,860             | \$573,684                |                     |                         | \$480,000           |
| <b>Reserves</b> | \$926,695           |                       | \$229,105                |                     |                         | \$195,288           |
| <b>Other</b>    | \$5,000             |                       |                          |                     |                         |                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>\$16,523,820</b> | <b>\$4,871,900</b>    | <b>\$3,313,749</b>       | <b>\$446,300</b>    | <b>\$0</b>              | <b>\$1,285,418</b>  |

**Local revenues** include ad valorem taxes, delinquent taxes, tuition from summer school and Capable Kids, gross tax receipts, interest, facility rentals, Medicaid, activity admissions, and refunds.

**County** apportionment is the district's portion of fines collected within the boundaries of the school district.

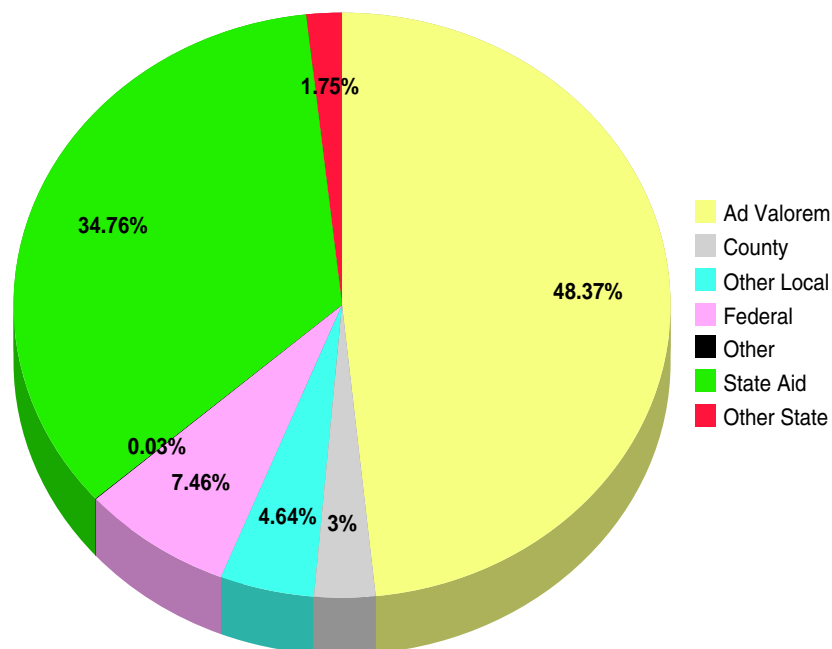
**State** revenues include state aid, state apportionment, bank franchise tax, and National Guard rent.

**Federal** sources of revenue include National Mineral Leases, Taylor Grazing, National Forest Land, federal grants through the state, Title I (Disadvantaged Children, Migrant and School Improvement), Title II Part A (Teacher and Principal Quality) Vocational Education, and Career and Technical Education Grant.

**Other** revenues include sale of surplus items and fixed assets.

**Food service** revenues on the local level include lunch and breakfast sales and a la carte sales. Reimbursements and donated food make up the federal sources of the food service fund.

### General Fund Revenue Sources



### Tax Request

(in dollars per thousand)

General Fund (This levy is determined annually by the S.D. Legislature)

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Agricultural.....       | \$1.782 |
| Owner-Occupied.....     | \$4.252 |
| Other (Commercial)..... | \$9.106 |
| Pension Levy.....       | \$0.30  |
| Capital Outlay.....     | \$3.00  |
| Special Education.....  | \$1.35  |

### Taxable Valuation

(payable in 2015)

|                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Agricultural Property..... | \$440,647,167          |
| Owner-Occupied.....        | \$793,609,082          |
| Other (Commercial).....    | \$366,249,027          |
| <b>TOTAL.....</b>          | <b>\$1,600,505,276</b> |



## Budgeted Expenditures 2014-15

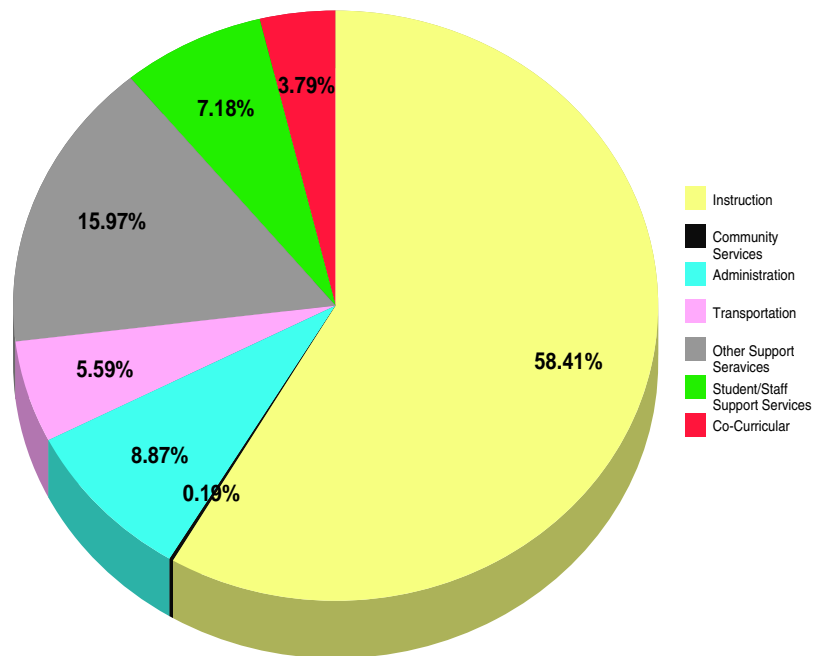
|                                | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Capital Outlay</u> | <u>Special Education</u> | <u>Pension Fund</u> | <u>Capital Projects</u> | <u>Food Service</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Instruction                    | \$9,650,770         | \$685,675             | \$2,430,078              |                     |                         |                     |
| Student/Staff Support Services | \$1,187,126         | \$92,150              | \$641,009                |                     |                         |                     |
| Administration                 | \$1,466,284         | \$15,500              | \$190,662                |                     |                         |                     |
| Transportation                 | \$923,000           |                       | \$52,000                 |                     |                         |                     |
| Other Support Services         | \$2,638,222         | \$1,022,425           |                          |                     |                         | \$1,285,418         |
| Community Services             | \$312,103           |                       |                          |                     |                         |                     |
| Non-Programmed                 |                     |                       |                          | \$446,300           |                         |                     |
| Debt Service                   |                     | \$2,581,153           |                          |                     |                         |                     |
| Co-Curricular                  | \$626,315           | \$39,050              |                          |                     |                         |                     |
| Contingency                    |                     | \$435,947             |                          |                     |                         |                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>\$16,523,820</b> | <b>\$4,871,900</b>    | <b>\$3,313,749</b>       | <b>\$446,300</b>    | <b>\$0</b>              | <b>\$1,285,418</b>  |

### Cost Per Pupil

|         | <u>Meade Cost Per ADM*</u> | <u>Statewide ADM*Average</u> | <u>Meade Ranking</u>          |
|---------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2013-14 | \$7,105                    | \$8,040                      | 134th lowest of 151 Districts |
| 2012-13 | \$6,814                    | \$7,739                      | 136th lowest of 151 Districts |
| 2011-12 | \$7,085                    | \$7,752                      | 123rd lowest of 152 Districts |
| 2010-11 | \$7,128                    | \$8,065                      | 127th lowest of 152 Districts |
| 2009-10 | \$7,037                    | \$7,958                      | 137th lowest of 154 Districts |

\*The calculated cost per Average Daily Membership (using data from the General Fund, Special Education Fund, Pension Fund and selected Capital Outlay fund expenditures due to statutory allowances for transportation, utilities, property insurance and textbooks) represents the cost of educating a student in-district; therefore, the following expenditures were not included: tuition payments, summer school, adult programs, community services, preschool, residential and day programs.

### General Fund Budgeted Expenditures



### Five-Year History of Actual Expenditures

|         | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Capital Outlay</u> | <u>Special Ed.</u> | <u>Pension Fund</u> | <u>Capital Projects</u> | <u>Food Service</u> |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 2014-15 | \$15,875,051        | \$8,067,296           | \$3,049,021        | \$337,206           | \$0                     | \$1,103,599         |
| 2013-14 | \$15,364,893        | \$4,978,507           | \$3,080,774        | \$275,509           | \$0                     | \$1,058,398         |
| 2012-13 | \$14,209,988        | \$3,869,275           | \$2,864,038        | \$259,560           | \$0                     | \$1,205,027         |
| 2011-12 | \$13,876,350        | \$5,225,092           | \$2,907,900        | \$537,368           | \$1,672,727             | \$1,133,815         |
| 2010-11 | \$14,440,096        | \$5,017,424           | \$2,798,812        | \$268,513           | \$8,927,134             | \$1,115,583         |

# Enrollment

## Student Enrollment

### Enrollment 2014-15

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Piedmont Elementary (K-6).....            | 563          |
| Rural Schools (K-8).....                  | 87           |
| Sturgis Brown High School (9-12).....     | 676          |
| Sturgis Elementary (K-5).....             | 717          |
| Sturgis Williams Middle School (6-8)..... | 467          |
| Whitewood (K-6).....                      | 123          |
| Out of district.....                      | 9            |
| <b>TOTAL.....</b>                         | <b>2,642</b> |

### Enrollment 2010-15

|                | Number of Students |
|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>2014-15</b> | 2,642              |
| <b>2013-14</b> | 2,655              |
| <b>2012-13</b> | 2,583              |
| <b>2011-12</b> | 2,461              |
| <b>2010-11</b> | 2,447              |

## Open Enrollment

|                 | <u>2014-15</u> | <u>2013-14</u> | <u>2012-13</u> | <u>2011-12</u> | <u>2010-11</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Incoming</b> | 214            | 239            | 248            | 231            | 260            |
| <b>Outgoing</b> | 289            | 325            | 328            | 354            | 307            |

## Incoming Open Enrollment

| <u>School District</u> | <u>2014-15 Students</u> | <u>2013-14 Students</u> | <u>2012-13 Students</u> | <u>2011-12 Students</u> | <u>2010-11 Students</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Belle Fourche</b>   | 4                       | 2                       | 2                       | 2                       | 3                       |
| <b>Douglas</b>         | 6                       | 6                       | 6                       | 5                       | 5                       |
| <b>Faith</b>           | 0                       | 4                       | 0                       | 0                       | 2                       |
| <b>Lead/Deadwood</b>   | 4                       | 5                       | 6                       | 5                       | 8                       |
| <b>Newell</b>          | 5                       | 4                       | 5                       | 4                       | 6                       |
| <b>Rapid City</b>      | 173                     | 196                     | 200                     | 182                     | 203                     |
| <b>Spearfish</b>       | 22                      | 22                      | 29                      | 33                      | 33                      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>214</b>              | <b>239</b>              | <b>248</b>              | <b>231</b>              | <b>260</b>              |
|                        | K-8: 167<br>9-12: 47    | K-8: 183<br>9-12: 56    | K-8: 192<br>9-12: 56    | K-8: 169<br>9-12: 62    | K-8: 197<br>9-12: 63    |

## Outgoing Open Enrollment (by district)

|                      | <u>2014-15</u> | <u>2013-14</u> | <u>2012-13</u> | <u>2011-12</u> | <u>2010-11</u> |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Belle Fourche</b> | 1              | 2              | 1              | 2              | 4              |
| <b>Douglas</b>       | 5              | 6              | 7              | 16             | 14             |
| <b>Faith</b>         | 30             | 36             | 36             | 25             | 30             |
| <b>Hermosa</b>       | 0              | 0              | 0              | 1              | 1              |
| <b>Lead/Deadwood</b> | 21             | 25             | 25             | 17             | 14             |
| <b>Newell</b>        | 0              | 1              | 0              | 4              | 2              |
| <b>New Underwood</b> | 6              | 45             | 45             | 39             | 40             |
| <b>Rapid City</b>    | 164            | 158            | 173            | 221            | 170            |
| <b>Sioux Falls</b>   | 0              | 0              | 0              | 1              | 2              |
| <b>Spearfish</b>     | 55             | 43             | 35             | 22             | 26             |
| <b>Wall</b>          | 7              | 9              | 6              | 6              | 4              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>289</b>     | <b>325</b>     | <b>328</b>     | <b>354</b>     | <b>307</b>     |

### Home School Private School Exemptions

|                | <b>Number<br/>of<br/>Students</b> |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>2014-15</b> | 178                               |
| <b>2013-14</b> | 169                               |
| <b>2012-13</b> | 152                               |
| <b>2011-12</b> | 161                               |
| <b>2010-11</b> | 151                               |

The 10-year average for home school and private school exemptions is 139 students per year.

## Outgoing Open Enrollment (by grade)

|                     | <u>2014-15</u> | <u>2013-14</u> | <u>2012-13</u> | <u>2011-12</u> | <u>2010-11</u> |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Kindergarten</b> | 8              | 10             | 35             | 23             | 17             |
| <b>Grade 1</b>      | 5              | 19             | 20             | 23             | 14             |
| <b>Grade 2</b>      | 23             | 22             | 23             | 21             | 19             |
| <b>Grade 3</b>      | 25             | 20             | 23             | 23             | 21             |
| <b>Grade 4</b>      | 22             | 17             | 20             | 20             | 19             |
| <b>Grade 5</b>      | 11             | 20             | 20             | 21             | 26             |
| <b>Grade 6</b>      | 16             | 25             | 25             | 31             | 15             |
| <b>Grade 7</b>      | 25             | 32             | 24             | 20             | 34             |
| <b>Grade 8</b>      | 22             | 26             | 20             | 32             | 19             |
| <b>Grade 9</b>      | 31             | 38             | 34             | 30             | 36             |
| <b>Grade 10</b>     | 34             | 33             | 26             | 44             | 33             |
| <b>Grade 11</b>     | 26             | 32             | 28             | 35             | 26             |
| <b>Grade 12</b>     | 35             | 31             | 30             | 31             | 28             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>289</b>     | <b>325</b>     | <b>328</b>     | <b>354</b>     | <b>307</b>     |

# Ancillary Services

## Transportation

The Meade School District contracts with Harlow's School Bus Service for its transportation.

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Number of Bus Routes.....                    | 21        |
| Bus Route Miles Per Year.....                | 295,243   |
| Number of Miles Driven Daily.....            | 1,747     |
| Number of Children Transported Daily.....    | 1,168     |
| Extracurricular Activity Miles Per Year..... | 27,757    |
| Total Cost of Regular Route Busing.....      | \$814,186 |

## Sturgis Academy and Achievement Center

The Department of Alternative Education at Sturgis Brown High School consists of the **Sturgis Academy** and the **Achievement Center**.

The Academy was established in 1996 to provide education for students, who, for various reasons, are unable to complete school in a traditional setting. The Achievement Center was established in 2011 to assist sophomores who need to recover credits from core courses they failed in their freshmen year. Three staff members work with students in these two programs.

At the Academy, the teachers facilitate learning in courses that consist of self-contained study packets and tests. Many of the same courses offered at Sturgis Brown High School are available at the Academy, including all required courses and many electives. Students attend from 8:10 a.m.-3:10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. On

Friday, one-on-one instruction plus other help are provided. This is also the day that a variety of presentations are given.

Students who are not 18 years of age may enroll in the GED program at the Academy. In addition, the Academy serves students who are in need of credit recovery due to courses failed at the high school so they can graduate on time. This is offered two days a week for two hours after school.

Students who attend the Achievement Center can test out of portions of a class in which they demonstrate proficiency and receive help where there is an identified deficiency.

Of the 60 fulltime students served by the Alternative Education Department during 2014-15, four were GED preparation students. Academy students who complete the required number of credits receive a diploma from SBHS. For the 2014-15 school year, that number totaled 23.

## Capable Kids

**Capable Kids** is a licensed after-school program that is open to any child in kindergarten through sixth grade and is located at Piedmont Valley Elementary School.

Each day students are provided a snack, and participate in physical and enrichment activities. Time is also provided for the completion of classroom assignments with homework assistance available. During the 2014-15

school year, 80 children were enrolled in the program with an average daily attendance of 40.

The cost to attend Capable Kids was \$9.57 per day or \$183.89 per month.

Money collected not only pays for the instructors, but also the following: \$3,800 for snacks, \$800 for professional development for staff, and \$1,000 for supplies.

## Health Services

Three licensed registered nurses and one administrative assistant provide health services for the school district. In addition to monitoring immunizations, they dispense medications, conduct vision, audio and scoliosis screenings, offer health counseling and provide health education and wellness to students and staff.

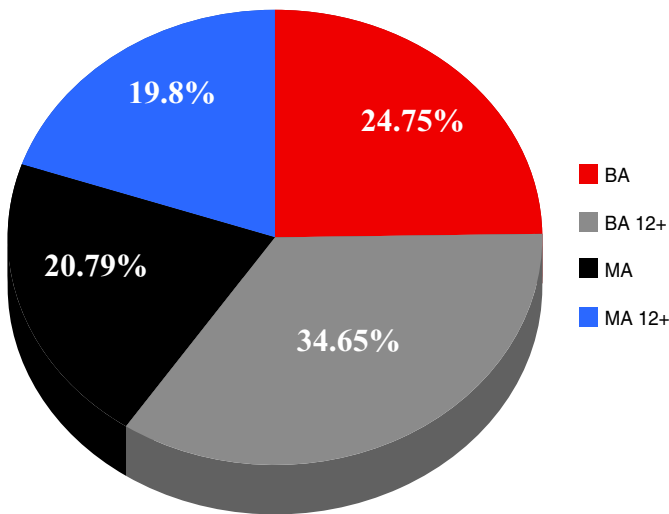
**2,366** height and weight measurements  
**1,349** vision and hearing screenings  
**523** students received flu shots  
**434** students instructed in hygiene  
**232** preschool students screened  
**224** scoliosis screenings

**127** staff received flu shots  
**114** students received food through the Backpack program  
**86** dental screenings  
**60** students receive medications daily  
**40** staff taught CPR/first aid  
**15** diabetic care plans implemented

# Personnel

| Personnel (Full and Part-time) |     |                                 |    |
|--------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|----|
| Teachers.....                  | 200 | Principals, Administrators..... | 12 |
| Paraprofessionals, Tutors..... | 45  | Professional/Technical.....     | 6  |
| Custodians, Maintenance.....   | 28  | Nurses.....                     | 3  |
| Lunchroom, Cooks.....          | 26  | Business Manager.....           | 1  |
| Administrative Assistants..... | 21  | Superintendent.....             | 1  |
| <b>Total: 343</b>              |     |                                 |    |

**Level of Education  
Certificated Staff**



**Percent of Highly Qualified Teachers**

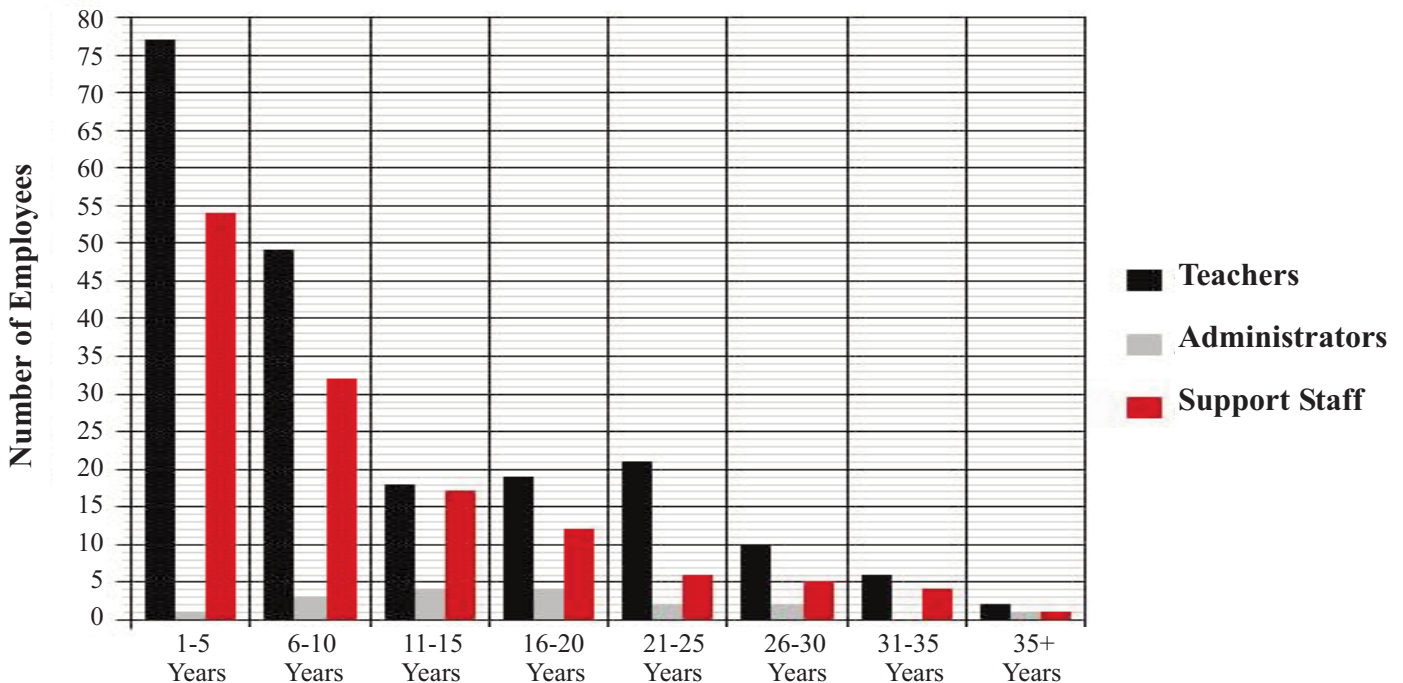
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|---------|--------|---------|-------|
| 2014-15 | 99.01% | 2011-12 | 100%  |
| 2013-14 | 98.5%  | 2010-11 | 99.8% |
| 2012-13 | 100%   | 2009-10 | 100%  |

The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act calls for teachers (both regular and special education) of core academic subjects to be highly qualified. Core subjects include English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, civics and government, foreign languages, art, economics, history and geography.

A highly qualified teacher, as defined by the Act, has full certification, a bachelor's degree and demonstrates competence in subject knowledge and teaching.

Highest quartile of poverty schools not having classes taught by highly qualified teachers: 0%; lowest quartile of poverty schools not having classes taught by highly qualified teachers: 0%.

**Years Employed with Meade School District**



# Special Services

## Special Education

Special Education is instruction specially designed to meet the unique needs of a student with disabilities at no extra cost to the parents or guardians. The offering of special education programs assures that children with disabilities receive a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment.

| <b><u>Primary Disability Area</u></b> | <b><u>Number of Students</u></b> | <b><u>Percent of Total Students*</u></b> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Deaf-Blind                            | 0                                |  |
| Emotionally Disturbed                 | 21                               | 0.7%                                     |
| Cognitive Disability                  | 33                               | 1.2%                                     |
| Hearing Loss                          | 1                                | 0.03%                                    |
| Specific Learning Disability          | 166                              | 6.2%                                     |
| Multiple Disability                   | 5                                | 0.1%                                     |
| Vision Loss                           | 1                                | 0.03%                                    |
| Orthopedic Impairments                | 0                                |  |
| Deafness                              | 0                                |  |
| Speech/Language Impairments           | 104                              | 3.9%                                     |
| Other Health Impairments              | 39                               | 1.4%                                     |
| Autism                                | 16                               | 0.6%                                     |
| Traumatic Brain Injury                | 1                                | 0.03%                                    |
| Developmentally Delayed               | 23                               | 0.8%                                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>410</b>                       | <b>15.5%</b>                             |

\*Percentage is based on Dec. 1, 2014, child count numbers of 2,642 K-12 and early intervention students.

|                | <b><u>Number of Special Education Students</u></b> | <b><u>Percent of Total Student Population</u></b> |
|----------------|--|---|
| <b>2014-15</b> | 410  | 15.5%   |
| <b>2013-14</b> | 400  | 15.0%   |
| <b>2012-13</b> | 389  | 15.0%   |
| <b>2011-12</b> | 369  | 15.0%   |
| <b>2010-11</b> | 361  | 14.7%   |

## Gifted

The Gifted Program identifies first through twelfth grade students and makes available additional resources for these students, their teachers and their parents. A range of criteria such as test scores, leadership, creativity and teacher referrals are used to determine eligibility for the program.

|                | <b><u>Number of Gifted Students</u></b> |
|----------------|---|
| <b>2014-15</b> | 91                                      |
| <b>2013-14</b> | 138                                     |
| <b>2012-13</b> | 163                                     |
| <b>2011-12</b> | 158                                     |
| <b>2010-11</b> | 144                                     |

## 504

A 504 Plan refers to Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which provides protection against discrimination of individuals with disabilities.

Section 504 is designed to provide equal access and fairness in general education to students with disabilities, thereby leveling the playing field for them through what is known as a Section 504 Accommodation Plan.

A Section 504 Plan is not a plan designed to enhance a student's performance but rather is a plan to provide fairness and equal access to education. A student is entitled to a Section 504 Accommodation Plan if he or she has been identified and the evaluation shows that the individual has a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

|  | <b><u>2014-15</u></b> | <b><u>2013-14</u></b> | <b><u>2012-13</u></b> | <b><u>2011-12</u></b> | <b><u>2010-11</u></b> |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Number of students on 504 Plans</b> | 31                    | 27                    | 20                    | 31                    | 34                    |

## Title I

The 2014-15 school year is the third year that the Title I Schoolwide Program has been in place at Sturgis Elementary, Whitewood Elementary and Piedmont Valley Elementary. Previously, these schools operated a targeted Title I Program.

Providing schoolwide programming in these elementary schools improved the academic achievement of all students due to the flexibility allowed under the program. No longer are students and teachers labeled "Title I," but instead all the students and all the teachers at the school use Title I funds to improve the entire academic program at the schools. The schoolwide program is built upon schoolwide reform strategies rather than separate, add-on services.

# Student Data

## Attendance Rate

Districtwide, the attendance rate for 2014-15 was 94.89 percent, down from 95.33 percent in 2013-14.

| <u>Attendance Center</u>              | <u>Percent in Attendance 2014-15</u> | <u>Percent in Attendance 2013-14</u> | <u>Percent in Attendance 2012-13</u> | <u>Percent in Attendance 2011-12</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Atall Elementary</b>               | 97.26%                               | 96.94%                               | 98.66%                               | 96.51%                               |
| <b>Elm Springs Elementary</b>         | 96.95%                               | 94.68%                               | 95.54%                               | 95.23%                               |
| <b>Enning/Union Center Elementary</b> | 95.94%                               | 95.40%                               | 94.50%                               | 96.37%                               |
| <b>Hereford Elementary</b>            | 95.82%                               | 95.61%                               | 97.23%                               | 97.47%                               |
| <b>Opal Elementary</b>                | 95.76%                               | 96.28%                               | 95.95%                               | 97.28%                               |
| <b>Piedmont Valley Elementary</b>     | 96.31%                               | 96.14%                               | 96.14%                               | 96.87%                               |
| <b>Sturgis Brown High School</b>      | 92.50%                               | 93.58%                               | 94.11%                               | 93.96%                               |
| <b>Sturgis Elementary</b>             | 95.50%                               | 95.39%                               | 95.38%                               | 95.83%                               |
| <b>Sturgis Williams Middle School</b> | 95.11%                               | 94.31%                               | 93.95%                               | 94.56%                               |
| <b>Whitewood Elementary</b>           | 95.34%                               | 94.76%                               | 94.19%                               | 95.52%                               |

## Socio-Economic Status

(Percent of students eligible for free and reduced meals.)

|                                  | 2014-15 | 2013-14 | 2012-13 | 2011-12 | 2010-11 |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Piedmont Elementary</b>       | 36%     | 35.9%   | 33%     | 33.3%   | 43.92%  |
| <b>Sturgis Brown High School</b> | 43%     | 32.9%   | 31%     | 26.5%   | 37.10%  |
| <b>Sturgis Elementary</b>        | 50%     | 51.4%   | 53%     | 45.9%   | 56.73%  |
| <b>Sturgis Williams MS</b>       | 47%     | 44.7%   | 43%     | 43.9%   | 51.75%  |
| <b>Whitewood</b>                 | 61%     | 55.1%   | 50%     | 50%     | 63.20%  |

## Dropout Rate

2014-15 - 1.77%  
 2013-14 - 2.65%  
 2012-13 - 2.83%  
 2011-12 - 2.08%  
 2010-11 - 4.2%

**Homeless - 35**

**English as a Second Language - 0**



## Activities

- 3 Club sports (softball, rodeo and baseball)
- 15 Sanctioned high school sports (football, boys/girls cross country, competitive dance and cheer, volleyball, boys/girls golf, boys/girls basketball, wrestling, boys/girls track, boys/girls soccer)
- 33 Middle school coaches/advisers
- 52 High school coaches/advisers
- 59 High school offerings
- 71 Middle school home activities
- 74 Middle school away activities
- 165 Motel rooms used for high school activities
- 260 High school away activities
- 274 High school home activities
- \$19,370 budgeted for high school, middle school dues and fees
- \$26,405 budgeted for high school travel (motels)
- \$40,300 budgeted for high school, middle school supplies
- \$47,035 budgeted for officials, judges, additional help

| <u>Athletic Participation</u>                        |     |
|--|-----|
| Females.....   | 208 |
| Males.....   | 229 |
| Transfer students.....                               | 7   |
| Foreign exchange students...                         | 2   |
| Middle school students in high school athletics..... | 40  |
| <u>Fine Arts Participation</u>                       |     |
| Females.....   | 257 |
| Males.....   | 186 |
| Transfer students.....                               | 10  |
| Foreign exchange students...                         | 3   |
| (Includes one or more sanctioned activity.)          |     |

## Post High School Plans

Prior to the end of the school year, 100 percent of the 147 graduates at Sturgis Brown High School completed an exit survey which covered a range of topics including plans following graduation to satisfaction with the education received at the school. The following are the students' post high school plans.

- College/university.....58.5%
- Work.....21.7%
- Vocational/tech school.....14.2%
- Military.....4.0%
- Undecided.....1.3%

### Graduation Rate

|                | <u>Meade School District</u> | <u>South Dakota</u> |
|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>2014-15</b> | 88.8%                        | 83.96%              |
| <b>2013-14</b> | 87.82%                       | 82.71%              |
| <b>2012-13</b> | 86%                          | 82.34%              |
| <b>2011-12</b> | 84%                          | 83.16%              |
| <b>2010-11</b> | 75.19%                       | 83.39%              |

### American College Test (ACT)

|                | <u>Meade School District Composite Score</u> | <u>South Dakota Composite Score</u> |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>2014-15</b> | 21.6   | 21.8                                |
| <b>2013-14</b> | 21.3   | 21.9                                |
| <b>2012-13</b> | 21.8   | 21.9                                |
| <b>2011-12</b> | 21.4   | 21.8                                |
| <b>2010-11</b> | 21.6   | 21.8                                |

## Ethnicity

|                | <u>American Indian or Alaskan Native</u> | <u>Asian</u> | <u>Hispanic</u> | <u>Black, not Hispanic</u> | <u>White, not Hispanic</u> | <u>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</u> | <u>Two or more races</u> |
|----------------|--|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>2014-15</b> | 3.44% (91)                               | .46% (12)    | 3.44% (91)      | .79% (21)                  | 88.35% (2,334)             | .08% (2)                                   | 3.44% (91)               |
| <b>2013-14</b> | 3.24% (86)                               | .49% (13)    | 3.24% (86)      | .75% (20)                  | 88.63% (2,353)             | .04% (1)                                   | 2.45% (65)               |
| <b>2012-13</b> | 5.26% (136)                              | .50% (13)    | 3.32% (86)      | .54% (14)                  | 88.3% (2,283)              | .01% (3)                                   | 1.85% (48)               |
| <b>2011-12</b> | 4.53% (108)                              | .54% (13)    | 2.93% (70)      | .59% (14)                  | 89.4% (2,133)              | .08% (2)                                   | 1.93% (46)               |
| <b>2010-11</b> | 4.4% (108)                               | .61% (15)    | 2.2% (54)       | .89% (22)                  | 90.6% (2,217)              | .16% (4)                                   | 1.1% (27)                |

# Student and Staff Achievements

The following varsity athletic teams and fine arts groups were recognized by the South Dakota High School Activities Association for academic achievement.

|  |                                    |                                     |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| All-State Band.....3.65 gpa            | Football Cheerleaders.....3.08 gpa | Large Group Chorus.....3.19 gpa     |
| All-State Chorus.....3.72 gpa          | Girls Basketball.....3.58 gpa      | Oral Interpretation.....3.15 gpa    |
| Band-Solo Ensemble.....3.03 gpa        | Girls Cross Country.....3.60 gpa   | Student Council.....3.67 gpa        |
| Boys Basketball.....3.07 gpa           | Girls Golf.....3.74 gpa            | Vocal-Solo Ensemble Group..3.19 gpa |
| Boys Cross Country.....3.10 gpa        | Girls Soccer.....3.46 gpa          | Volleyball.....3.55 gpa             |
| Boys Golf .....3.00 gpa                | Girls Softball.....3.50 gpa        | Wrestling.....3.00 gpa              |
| Competitive Cheer.....3.00 gpa         | Girls Track and Field.....3.51 gpa | Yearbook/Journalism.....3.10 gpa    |
| Debate, Individual Events.....3.08 gpa | Large Group Band.....3.03 gpa      |                                     |

In recognition of Suicide Prevention Month in September, the South Dakota National Guard sponsored a poster contest for area youth titled “What Gives You Hope and Courage in Your Life?” In the division for students 13 years and over, Sturgis Williams Middle School seventh-graders took the top three spots as follows: August Bowman, first; Brooks Van Pelt, second; and Daylen Rhodes, third. Meade School District students also took the top three places in the 11-12 year old category: SWMS sixth-grader Ryan Conover placed first, SWMS seventh-grader Lauren Fritz placed second, and Sturgis Elementary School fifth-grader Londin Harwood placed third. In the 7-10 year old category, Sturgis Elementary fifth-grader Sami Jo Shaw received third place honors.

SBHS students Chelsea Bates, Bethany Ziebarth, Jenny Bruch, Beau Ireland, Dustin Fox (alternate), Chris Wheeler, Seth Gerberding, Jacob West, Jesse Skidmore, Sarah Rathert, Willow Cowherd, Ariel Smith, Shayla Heid (alternate), Drew Gertsch and James Hamling participated in the 62nd annual All-State Chorus and Orchestra in Sioux Falls. The students, who were selected by competitive audition, joined more than 900 other South Dakota musicians.

Twenty-seven Meade School District fourth, fifth and sixth grade students were selected by taped audition to participate in the 17th annual South Dakota Elementary Honor Choir in Sioux Falls. Participants included Sturgis Elementary students Rhese Balster, Maggie Brink, Kenna Goebel, Zoey Goebel, Reese Jensen, Carlie Johnson, Addison Long, Max Lowe, Chandy Mercy, Neveah Murray,

Joclyn Nohava, Haley Snow, Kathrine Sulzbach, Ella Ward and Erin Yantis; Piedmont Valley Elementary students Brookelyn Aker, Emmalyn Brant, Elise Christian, Grace Fogelman, Ray Henderson, Lia Neumiller, Holly Pates, Nathaniel Reeve, Rio Snyder and Taylor Tait; Whitewood Elementary student Jarody Udager; and SWMS student Emma Barnard.

SWMS seventh-grader Tip Reiman was a co-winner of a competition during Global Entrepreneurship Week at Black Hills State University in which he pitched a business idea about a shoe company. He was selected based on his creativity, presentation and overall opportunity for success.

SBHS freshman Bridger Gordon placed first in creed speaking at the State FFA Career Development Event held in Pierre. As the state winner, he will compete at the national competition in Louisville, Kentucky.

Sophomore inductees into the SBHS National Honor Society were Megan Andersen, Christian Avery, Winston Brown, Holly Gerberding, McKenna Gruba, Aaron Kukla, Claire Scarborough and Jordana Shuck. New junior members include Tara Eddington, Drew Gertsch, Ranni Hopkins, Kylie Krcil and Sydney Peterson while senior inductees were Emily Bertolotto, Seth Gerberding, Halli Holt and Felicia Swallow. Two-year junior members include Kirsten Anderson, Beau Ireland, Katie McArthur and Ariel Smith. Two-year senior members are Dakota Brown, Jackson Peterson, Karlee Peterson and Jesse Skidmore. Three-year members, all seniors, are Erika Cerveney, Johnathan Gasper, Callie Gabriel, Samantha Nash,

Illianna Shuck, Jacob Simmons, Jordan Smith, Matthew Takahashi, Taryn Urbaniak, Karli Wilson and Bethany Ziebarth.

SBHS students Illianna Shuck and Jacob Simmons represented the high school in the Hometown Heroes of Character program based on their outstanding character at school and in the community, excellence in the classroom and leadership skills.

SBHS was one of only six Class AA schools and the only West River school to be awarded the team excellence award at the 105th annual State Oral Interpretation Festival. The Sturgis speech students received the award in recognition of their outstanding performance at the festival which included four superior and three excellence awards. Superior awards were won by seniors Seth Gerberding and Kyle Jones, who received two each. In non-original oratory, sophomore Alora Huffman received an excellence award. Excellent awards also went to seniors Jordan Smith and Jordan Mullen in the category of duet interpretation and to the readers’ theatre group of Jordan Smith, Jordan Mullen, Willow Cowherd, Chris Wheeler and Kyle Jones. Coach was Megan Jones.

The sixth grade members of Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU) organization at Piedmont Valley Elementary School took third place and \$200 in prize money in the Chicago Department of Public Health-sponsored "Don't Get Burned" nationwide social media contest. The students created a short video about the dangers of tobacco which was appropriate for sharing on YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, Vine and other social media platforms.

# Student and Staff Achievements

SBHS senior Sarah Rathert was selected through statewide competitive auditions for the 65th annual South Dakota All-State Band held in Sioux Falls.

SBHS seniors Seth Gerberding and Jordan Smith qualified as alternates in public forum debate for the national tournament of the National Speech and Debate Association in Dallas, Texas.

District social worker Ginger Johnson received the Behavior Management System's Community Service Award for the Northern Hills in recognition of her commitment to students and their families.

Thirty-two local students joined 70 other singers at the Regional Elementary Festival Choir at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre. Participating were, from Sturgis Elementary School, Katelyn Bush, Jackson Ford, Cale Jolley, Mya Jordan, Madeleine Lowe, Adrien Lyon, Taesha Monahan, Braden Moore, Maya Pi, Jag Weyer, Macy Wise, Chloe Bonnichsen, Hannahlisa Fleming, Lilly Forbes, Matea Gordon, Anthony Hatch, Bethanie Little, Makenna Rock, Izzy Shepardson and Marcus Ulmer. Whitewood School participants were Heather Nudd, Isaiah Twomey, Hannah Aston, Kailyn Carlson, Rylie Smith, Cody Stalder, Kaylannah Strange Owl, Ashlyn Coffield, Joel Gifford, Landan Hand, Heston Hegdahl and Zia Wallace.

SBHS sophomores Mady Baker and Jessie Capotrio received special awards at the 2015 High Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair held at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City. Both students received the American Meteorological Society Award while Capotrio was also the recipient of the Association of Women Scientists Award.

Twenty-seven students from SBHS participated in the 54th annual Chadron State College Scholastic Contest. First place winners were junior Tanner VanSickle in nutrition and family health, senior Felicia Swallow in general biology, and juniors Chris Van Asma and Jon Towler and senior Jeffery Noyes, all in Eagle Cook-Off. Second place winners

were seniors Jackson Peterson in chemistry and Seth Gerberding in American government. Senior John Gasper took fifth for his submitted photojournalism work.

SBHS senior Jackson Peterson was selected as one of nine students to participate in the Davis-Bahcall Scholars Program sponsored by the Sanford Lab in Lead.

SBHS freshman Bridger Gordon was one of 700 finalists from across the United States chosen to compete in the national math competition MathCON at the University of Illinois in Chicago.

SWMS seventh-grader Danika Gordon was named a distinguished finalist for South Dakota by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards for her outstanding volunteer service. She was honored for her teaching, tutoring and mentoring of other youngsters.

SBHS junior Hunter Kraft took first place in carpentry at the S.D. SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference held at Watertown. For his win, Kraft received \$350 in prizes, \$1,000 scholarship to Western Dakota Technical Institute and an opportunity to advance to the National Skills USA Conference in Louisville, Ky.

SBHS teacher Coleen Keffeler was inducted into the Region V Association for Career and Technical Education Hall of Fame during a Leadership Conference held in Kansas City. Keffeler was honored for her contributions, accomplishments and impact on the field of career and technical education at the national, regional and state levels.

The students in Deb Schnell's first grade room at Sturgis Elementary were the statewide class winners in the National Poison Control Week coloring contest sponsored by Sanford Health of Sioux Falls. In addition, one of the students, Kabella Rowett, was named an individual coloring winner. Honored students were Aaydyn Key, Korbin Meland, Graden Glodt, Rachelle McDowell, Brody Royer, Brooklynn Bennett, Jay Foulk, Rodrigo Mendez, Gracie Weiland, Evan Troendle, Skyleigh Getz, Trinity Thompson, Jeremy Landoll Johnson, McKayla

Walker, Tristen Thomas and Samantha George.

Meade School District nurse Marcia Potts was recognized for her excellence in school nursing by being named the South Dakota School Nurse of the Year for 2015.

More than 1,200 students from throughout South Dakota, including 16 from SBHS, participated in the Family Career and Community Leaders of America State Leadership Conference in Sioux Falls. SBHS students who received top honors on their projects included Felicia Todd, Sam Colvin and Taya Swanson. Alora Murray and Heidi Schulz received gold in Illustrated Talk. In addition, the SBHS chapter received top honors award for District 9.

The Meade School District Teacher of the Year for 2015 was Cathie Anderson and the Meade School District Professional Technical Support Staff member of the Year for 2015 was Dede Long. The two women were selected from among nominees submitted by the administrative units throughout the district. Cathie, a 21-year employee, teaches eighth grade reading at Sturgis Williams Middle School while Dede, a 12-year employee, is an administrative assistant at Buildings and Grounds in the central copying and receiving office.

SBHS senior Jacob Simmons placed third at the State AA Cross Country Meet held in Huron. The results for the other members of the boys team, which placed 13th, are as follows: Gabe Harms, 50th; Matt Takahashi, 67th; Cayden Noble, 77th; and Zach Relf, 99th. Harms, Takahashi and Noble are seniors while Relf is a sophomore. The SBHS girls team, which ran for 10th place honors, was lead by freshman Allison Green who placed 13th. The following are the results for the other members of the girls team: Reegin Kehn, 41st; Gwyneth Simmons, 42nd; Paige Frost, 83rd; Hannah Peterson, 87th; Illianna Shuck, 88th; and Isabel Schuster, 105th. Frost, Peterson and Shuck are seniors; Kehn and Schuster are freshmen; and Simmons is an eighth-grader.

# Student and Staff Achievements

The SBHS Competitive Cheer Team took second place in the stunting/non-tumbling category at the State AA Competitive Cheer and Dance Competition held in Watertown. Team members were Nicole Bartlett, Adrienne Shideler, Samantha Nash, Phoebe Isaacson Klara Lyon, Marie Engbrecht, Jessica Watson, Hannah Rambow, Kloe Bailey, Goldie Schneider, Sydney Hoffman, Kelsey Loftus, Kiara Jackson, Kirsten Anderson and Trysten Bowman.

Eleven students from SWMS participated in the 22nd annual Northern Hills Honor Band at Black Hills State University, Spearfish. The local students joined students from other schools throughout the Northern Hills for the one-day festival. Local participants were eighth-graders Gracie Good, Anna Hale, Joan Knutson, Madison Kreutz, Tiah MacKaben, Dominick Oedekoven, James Prince, Mikayla Schmitz, Loralee Stock, and seventh-graders Kanan Miller and Kloe Stalder.

SBHS senior Kellen Barden became the all-time leading basketball scorer for the school. Until now, Randy Draine, who played from 1977-1981, was the top scorer with 1,053 points. Kellen surpassed the 1,000-point mark during the Jan. 10 game against Alliance and moved ahead of Randy's total during the Jan. 15 game against Rapid City Central.

Barden was also named by the S.D. High School Basketball Coaches Association to the Class AA All-State Boy's Basketball Second Team and was also chosen to play in the S.D. Basketball Coaches Association Sanford Pentagon First Annual All-Star Game at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls.

The SBHS wrestling team placed fifth at the SDHSAA State A Wrestling Tournament. Second place was won by Tanner Brengle, 132; third place, Jesse Skidmore, 138, and Payson Dirk, 195; fourth place, Bailey Brengle, 120, and John Wilson, 285; fifth place, Winston Brown, 145; eighth place, Jake Vinson, 185. State qualifiers also included Jacob

Wood, 106, Jake Sailer, 152, Nathan Werdel, 160, and Joel carpenter, 220. Coaches were Steve Keszler, David Olson and Jason Schlichtemeier.

Exploring the topic of "Leadership and Legacy in History" with their 10-minute performance portraying the origins and history of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally earned the Sturgis Williams Middle School team second place in the South Dakota History Day competition. The students also won a special statewide award for having the best entry in the junior division on a topic relating to South Dakota history. The team consisted of sixth graders Josie Kaufman, Brady Buchholz, Ben Ziebarth and Elisabeth Ortiz and seventh grader Danika Gordon.

Behind the first place wins of senior Jacob Simmons, the SBHS boys track and field team placed seventh at the State AA Track and Field Competition. The girls team placed 16th. Simmons, the reigning champion in the 800 meter run, took first in the event and set a new state record. He also placed first for the second year in a row in the 1600 meter run. Also placing first was the 1600 medley relay team consisting of sophomores Jarett Keffeler and Sam Fjelstad, junior Beau Ireland and Simmons. The 4x800 meter relay team took fourth place honors and included Ireland, Simmons and seniors Cayden Noble and Matthew Takahashi. Noble also placed 15th in 800 meter run while junior Colter Williams took 21st in discus. Simmons was also named the Outstanding AA Track Athlete.

For the second straight year, senior Klara Lyon was the state winner in the girls pole vault. In the discus, junior Mikael Light took sixth place. Freshman Allison Green placed seventh in the 3200 meter run and ninth in the 1,600 meter. Green was also a member of the 4x800 meter relay team that took 12th place. The other runners on that team were seventh-graders Autumn Cassen and Brooke Eckert, and freshman Reegin Kehn. Freshman Ashlyn Simons tied for 13th in the high jump

while junior Tara Eddington tied for 13th place in the triple jump and 16th in the long jump.

White Letter Award Honor Athletes are seniors Jennifer Bruch, Marie Engbrecht, Klara Lyon, Samantha Nash, Jason Schneider, Illianna Shuck, Jacob Simmons, Jesse Skidmore and Taryn Urbaniak.

Academic honors were received by Matt Nelson, Academic All-State Basketball; Illianna Shuck, Academic All-State Basketball; Callie Gabriel, Academic All-State Basketball; John Fritzie Gasper, Academic All-State Wrestling; Jacob Simmons, Academic All-State Track; Sarah Rathert, Academic All-State Track and Basketball; Hannah Peterson, Academic All-State Track; Jason Schneider Academic All-State Basketball; Jennifer Bruch, Academic All-State Basketball; Taryn Urbaniak, Academic All-State Basketball and Track; Jesse Skidmore, Academic All-State Wrestling; Klara Lyon, Academic All-State Track; and Matt Takahashi, Academic All-State Track.

Students with perfect attendance for the entire 2014-15 school year include Anessa Johnson-Landoll, Jeremy Johnson-Landoll, Heidi Sedlak, Braden Moore, Collin Yuill, Cruz Chavez, Hannahlisa Fleming, Isabela Gallosa, Matthew Hyman and Tacey Tieman, all Sturgis Elementary; Kyra Haggar, Grady Jobgen, ZynZee Monette, Malayha Nalley, Caden Blakeman, Emma Jobgen, Clara Nalley, Emily Palmer, Aidan Hedderman, Jayden Lienau, Deandre Nalley, Allison Ogden, Clinton Nalley, Madison Soyland; Morgan White, Hailie Raterman, Zoey Snyder, Walker Vlietstra, Emme Berglund, Payton Hedderman, Hailey Hudelson, Samantha Kukla and Kiara Rath, all Piedmont Valley Elementary School; Bailey Urbaniak, Atall School; Autumn Cassen and Gage Murphey, SWMS; Alexandra Wise, Dominic Fischer, Emily Linneweber, Audra Tesch, Colter Williams and Jordan Lienau, all SBHS.

# Community Partnerships

Meade School District benefits from wonderful community support. This support not only contributes to students' outstanding achievements, but greatly adds to the quality of their learning environment while also aiding the financial stability of the school district.

## Junior Achievement

A non-profit, national program, Junior Achievement partners with Meade School District to provide innovative, hands-on lesson plans that relate to the social studies curriculum in the elementary school and the economic courses at SBHS. The program is offered at no cost to the school district and is taught by volunteers who share their work and life experiences, helping students understand how education impacts their future and the role of ethics in both their school life and business dealings.

## Parent Involvement

Research shows there is a direct link between parental involvement and improved student performance. Thank you to the following parent organizations for enriching students' involvement in extracurricular activities and enhancing students' educational experience: Piedmont Valley PTA, Rural parent teacher organization, Scooper Booster Club, Sturgis Elementary PTA, Sturgis Music Boosters, Sturgis Quarterback Club and Whitewood PTO.

## Youth Internship Sites

Bar-Sto Precision; Bear Butte Gardens; Bear Butte Motors; Black Hawk Animal Clinic; Black Hills Family Practice; Black Hills Power-Ken Meirose; Black Hills Family Practice; Black Hills Veterans Administration Medical Center-Nursing Department, Surgical Ward, Recreational Therapy Department, Physical Therapy Department, Voluntary Services, Cheryl Rieneits, Pharmacy, Justin Thurman; City of Sturgis-Inspections and Engineering Office, Ambulance, and Police Department; Cable Communication Services; Compass Point; CMW; Dana Dietz Day Care; Donna Richardson First National Bank; Hersruds of Sturgis; Horizon Machine; KBHB Radio; Lazelle LeSalon; Legend Air Suspension; Loftus Dental; Meade School District nurses office; Northern Hills Veterinary Clinic; Piedmont Valley Elementary School-Ruth Stabile; Rapid City Humane Society; Rena Hymans Attorney; Rockingtree Floral and Gifts; Scott Peterson Motors; Sturgis Brown High School-June Dill, Tere Froelich, Chad Hedderman, Tyler Hutchison, Megan Jones, Steve Keszler, David Olson, Sage Robinson-Miller, Tyler Murphy; Sturgis Elementary

School-Phyllis Erfman, Kim Roberts, Hillary Hill, Shelly Inhofer, Lisa Skovlund, Whitney Stoesser, Deb Domogalski, Andria Williams, Amy Conover; Sturgis Meade County Animal Shelter; Sturgis Regional Hospital-Rehab Services, Nursing Services, Human Resources, Ginger Chord; Sturgis Williams Middle School-Cathie Anderson, Kristi Cammack, Sally Dodge, Mike Friedel, Kerry Skinner, Lora Wilson; Werlinger Auto Body; T&M Photography; Whitewood Elementary School-Kristi Butler, Mike Jones.

## School District Donors

Whether donating for a student backpack program, giving free bikes to students who have perfect attendance or sharing talents, many businesses, civic organizations, government entities and individuals are valuable and important community partners of the schools. The following is a listing of those community partners.

## Sturgis Donors:

Action for the Betterment of the Community Committee, Bar-Sto Precision, Black Hills Funeral Home, Black Hills Manufacturing Services, Inc., Black Hills Power, Black Hills VA Medical Center Fort Meade, Boulder Canyon Country Club, Brosz Engineering, Buffalo Chip, Burger King, City of Sturgis: Ambulance Service, City Parks Department, Community Center, Fire and Police Departments and Public Library, Common Cents, Curves, Dairy Queen, Desaree & Co., Dakota Arms/Remington, Dakota Kustom Coating, Easy Riders, Envy Salon, FAA, Fabric Junction, Farm Service Agency, First Interstate Bank, First National Bank, First Presbyterian Church, Flowers by Rose, Fourth Judicial Circuit Court Services, Full Throttle (Michael Ballard), Goebel Chiropractic, Grace Lutheran Church, Grubl Excavating, Grocery Mart, Harley Davidson, Hersruds of Sturgis, Holiday Inn Express, Horizon Machine, Hot Leathers, Johnson Real Estate, Johnston's Hardware Hank, KBHB, Kickstart, Kinkade Funeral Chapel, Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, Lazelle LeSalon, Legend Air Suspension, Lions Club, Loftus Dental, Loud American, Lynn's Dakotamart, Masonic Lodge #47, Massa Berry Regional Medical Clinic, McDonalds, Meade County Sheriff's Office and Jail, Meade County 4-H, Meade County Times-Tribune, Morman Law Firm, Mr. Movies, Compass Point, Northern Hills Eye Care, Northern Hills Federal Credit Union, Northern Hills Vet Clinic, Oasis, Owens Interstate Sales, P.E.O. Chapters AY & CN, Pioneer Bank and Trust, Pizza Hut, Pizza

## Community Partnerships

Ranch, Properties Unlimited, Realtors for Kids, Richter Tire & Exhaust, Rushmore Office and Supply, Optimist Club, Rockingtree, Schneider Dental, Scott Peterson Motors, Shopko, State Farm Insurance, S.D. Game and Fish, S.D. Highway Patrol, S.D. National Guard, S.D. Department of Health, Sturgis Area After School Program, Sturgis Area Arts Council, Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce, Sturgis Area Child Protection Team, Sturgis Center for the Arts, Sturgis Coffee Company, Sturgis Economic Development Corporation, Sturgis Medical Center, Sturgis Motorcycle Museum, Sturgis Physical Therapy, Sturgis Photo and Gifts, Sturgis Rally Charities Foundation, Sturgis Regional Hospital and Nursing Home, Sturgis Wine Company, Subway, T&M Studio, Taco Johns, The Knuckle, Toms Ts, Unified Judicial System, United Way, UPS, Wells Fargo Bank and Wesleyan Church.

### **Piedmont, Black Hawk, Summerset, Rapid City Donors:**

AT&T, Black Hawk Community Church, Big D Oil Co., Black Hills Badlands and Lakes, Black Hills Beauty College, Black Hills Federal Credit Union, Black Hills Power, Books Are Fun, Butler Machinery, Cable Communication Services, Inc., Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Culvers, Delmonico Grill, Department of Homeland Security, Elk Creek Valley Market Papa Johns, Elks Theatre, Evans Orthodontics, FAA, First Interstate Bank, Foothills Community Baptist Church, Golden Corral, Grace United Methodist Church, Habitat for Humanity, Hagggar's Grocery, Highmark Federal Credit Union, Head Start, Hills View E-Free Church, Lutheran Social Services, MDU, Natural Resources

Conservation Services, Our Lady of the Black Hills, Parents as Teachers, Piedmont Valley Lutheran Church, Piedmont Black Hawk Kiwanis Club, Piedmont Valley American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, Piedmont Valley Lions Club, Ramada Stagestop Reception, Regional Heart Doctors, S.D. School of Mines and Technology, Salvation Army, SDSU Extension and Nursing Program, S.D. Juvenile Justice Center, Talley's Silver Spoon, Summerset Pizza Hut, Texas Road House, United Way, Walgreens, WalMart, U.S. Air Force and Army and Navy, U.S. Forest Service, West Jet Air Center, Western Dakota Technical Institute, and Youth and Family Services.

### **Whitewood, Deadwood, Lead, Spearfish Donors:**

A&J Supply, Berger Services, Black Hills State University, Cadillac Jacks Hotel, City of Whitewood: Fire and Police Departments and Public Library, Culvers, Dakota V-Twin, Deadwood Gulch Resort, 8-10 Club, First Gold, 4 Aces Hotel, Hideaway Restaurant, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mineral Palace Hotel, Salvation Army of the Northern Hills, Sanford Underground Lab, Terry Components, The Lodge at Deadwood, U.S. Forest Service, WalMart and Whitewood Plaza.

### **Donors from Other Locations:**

Black Hills Playhouse Dakota Players, Cammack Ranch Supply, Central Meade County Community Center, Delta Dental, Food Service of America, Mitchell Technical Institute, S.D. Department of Corrections and S.D. School for the Deaf.

## Commitment to Technology

Meade School Board members and district administrators and staff believe that computer and internet literacy is essential for students to succeed in both the job market and higher education and so have committed to providing students with the tools they need, which includes giving them their own computer devices.

The first step in this direction was the purchase of 260 iPads for use at the fourth grade level in Sturgis, Piedmont and Whitewood, and all grades at Elm Springs during the 2013-14 school year. Fourth grade was chosen as the starting grade because the elementary teachers had demonstrated a significant interest in using iPads to access the Internet

and create classroom projects.

The program was expanded for the 2014-15 school year to fifth grade at Sturgis, Piedmont and Whitewood, all students at Opal and third through fifth at Enning. iPads will continue to be used by all students at Elm Springs School.

The 2014-15 school year also saw the high school roll out its 1:1 technology program in which all staff and students received MacBook Air laptops. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, this program will be expanded to include Sturgis Williams Middle School and all other sixth, seventh and eighth grade students throughout the district.

# Mission, Vision and Belief Statements

## Mission

To Build Knowledge and Skills for Success Today and Tomorrow.

## Vision Statement

Meade School District will work in conjunction with its community to provide excellent academics and co-curricular activities that develop life-long learners and productive citizens.

## Belief Statement

### We believe that...

- Every individual is a lifelong learner.
- Learning requires a commitment from students, teachers, administration, support staff, parents and the community.
- The cornerstones of learning are integrity, empathy, responsibility, honesty, respect and accountability.
- Every student has the right to a quality education and the responsibility to achieve it.
- All students have the potential to be productive members of society.
- The needs of students should be our first priority.
- Diversity among people is to be valued.
- People are our greatest resource.

### We believe that...

- Schools must provide a safe environment for teaching and learning.
- Effective schools must have high expectations for students and staff.
- Learning is enhanced by a positive and supportive environment which fosters success, self-confidence and success.
- Students are capable of making decisions, with proper guidance, and are responsible for their own actions.
- Our school system is accountable to our community.
- Change is essential for growth and improvement.

# District Directory

## School Board Members

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Dennis Chowen, Sturgis  
Shelli Grinager, Summerset  
Chad Legner, Sturgis  
Curt Nupen, Piedmont  
Bryce Richter, Sturgis  
Joe Urbaniak, Union Center  
Don Williamson, Piedmont

## Schools

**Piedmont Valley Elementary**  
Ethan Dschaak, principal

**Sturgis Brown High School  
and SBHS Academy**  
Jeff Simmons, principal  
Don Lyon, assistant principal  
Mike Paris, activities director

## Schools *(continued)*

**Sturgis Williams Middle School**  
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Ann Nonnast, assistant principal

**Sturgis Elementary**  
Chantal Ligtenberg, principal  
Ann Nonnast, assistant principal

**Whitewood Elementary**  
Bev Rosenboom, principal

**Rural Schools**  
Bev Rosenboom, principal

**Atall**  
**Elm Springs**  
**Enning/Union Center**  
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**Opal**

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Jeff Ward, director

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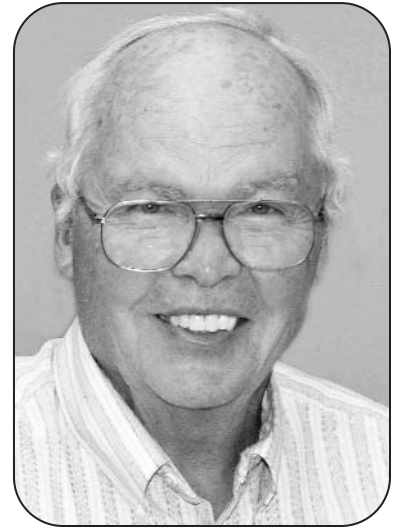
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