

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 2013-14 school year for Meade School District. It contains important and varied information, including district finances, food service operations and student data, to list just 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.

Several major events occurred during the 2013-14 school year. In October, western South Dakota was hit with Storm Atlas. The storm left communities without electricity, destroyed thousands of trees and shrubs, and was devastating to our ranch community. It was estimated that up to 50,000 head of livestock died in the storm.

The storm also caused the collapse of numerous roofs and buildings in the area including the roof at Sturgis Williams Middle School. The school roof collapsed on Oct. 5 and by Oct. 15 all 480 students in grades 6-8, along with their teachers, books, supplies, etc. had been moved from the middle school to other buildings. The sixth-graders spent the year in the Williams Administrative Building, the seventh-graders were moved to the classrooms at the Catholic Church, and the eighth-graders were relocated to Sturgis Brown High School.

The middle school sustained \$3 million worth of damage. Repair work on the building began in March and we hope to occupy most of the building when school starts and be completely moved back into the facility by Oct. 13, 2014. Storm Atlas was a devastating event but it also brought out the best in people. We worked together to make things happen and to help our neighbors. But Storm Atlas was not the only weather event for the year. Ice storms, record cold and significant snowfall resulted in four days of missed school due to inclement weather.

In March, the Meade School Board voted to enhance the technology availability for the teachers and students in the district by purchasing 800 MacBook Air computers so that all students and staff at the high school will have a personal computer for the 2014-15 school year. The school board continues to prioritize technology accessibility for all grade levels.

In April, students took the Smarter Balanced Assessment instead of the traditional Dakota STEP. The test was an online assessment focused on the Common

Core standards for reading and math. Educators around the state were nervous about the Smarter Balanced Assessment as we did not know if the districts or the state had the infrastructure in place for all students to be taking an online assessment and if the younger students could handle taking online assessments. I am glad to report that in Meade School District the test went exceptionally well.

We will not get back specific student results for the 2013-14 school year, but the technology was able to handle the online testing and the students had little difficulty navigating the test.

We had a sizeable increase in student enrollment for the school year. Districtwide our K-12 enrollment was 2,655 students, an increase of 70 from the year before. We had large numbers enroll in kindergarten and first grade and those larger numbers are projected to continue in the lower elementary grades. The largest growth area was in Piedmont Valley Elementary. We started the year with 565 students in Piedmont, an increase of 72.

We were fortunate to be able to minimize our expenses during the school year. The increase in the district's enrollment resulted in an increase in total revenue that led to a modest budget surplus. Hopefully the revenues for the 2014-15 school year will be similar.

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 the 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!



Don Kirkegaard

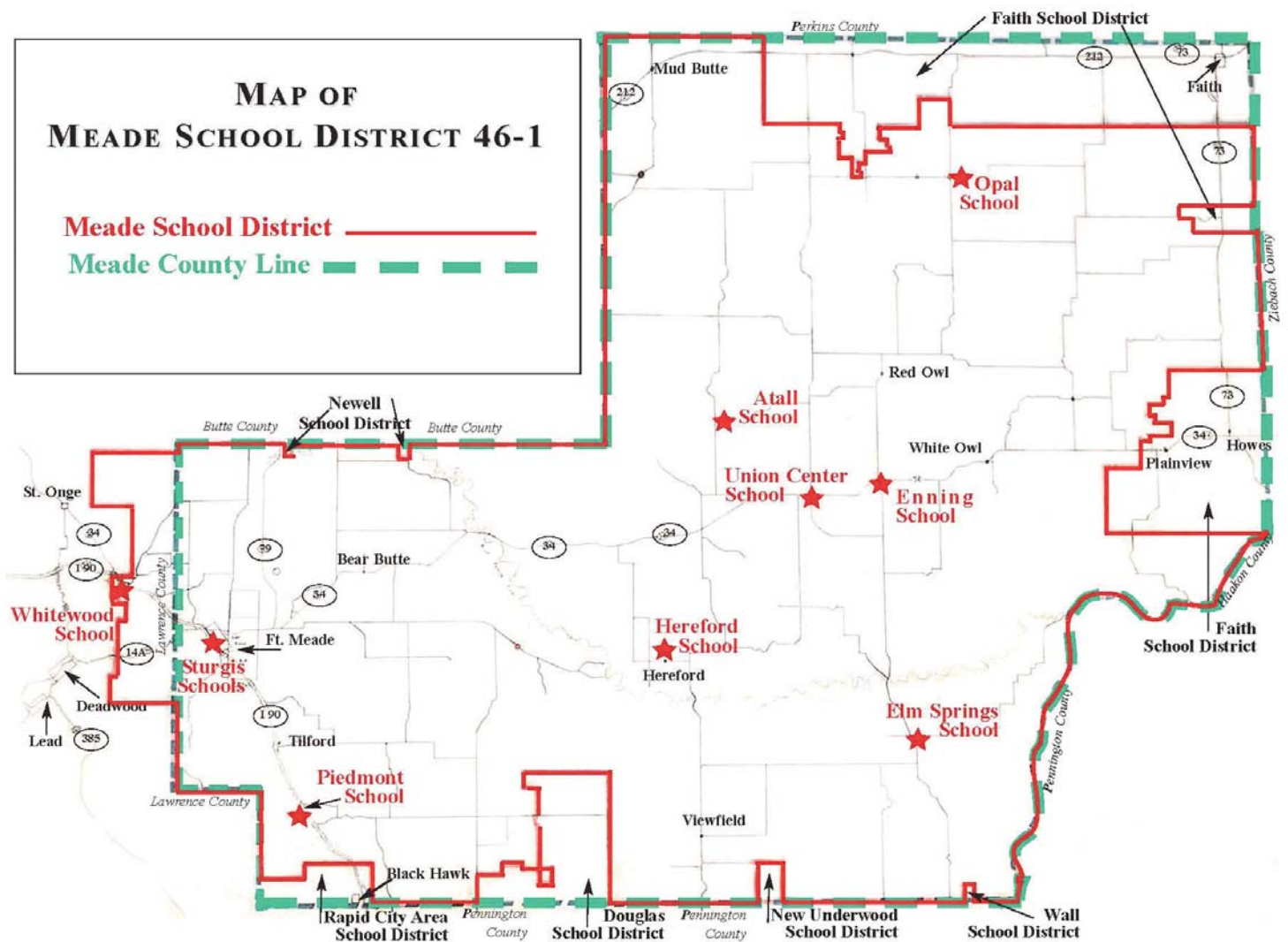
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Superintendent Don Kirkegaard, Meade School District

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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 14.9 students per teacher in K-8; 8.5 students per teacher in rural K-8; and 14.6 students per teacher in 9-12.

Atall
Year Built: 1984
2013-14 Operating Costs: \$13,488
Building Square Footage: 4,080
Computer Devices: 4*



Elm Springs
Year Built: 1971
2013-14 Operating Costs: \$8,442
Building Square Footage: 2,880
Computer Devices: 10*



Enning
Year Built: 1969/1971
2013-14 Operating Costs: \$16,860
Building Square Footage: 5,232
Computer Devices: 17*



Hereford
Year Built/Renovated: 1962/1968, 2012
2013-14 Operating Costs: \$6,070
Building Square Footage: 1,808
Computer Devices: 4*



Opal
Year Built: 1975
2013-14 Operating Costs: \$8,093
Building Square Footage: 2,464
Computer Devices: 6*



Union Center
Year Built: 1984
2013-14 Operating Costs: \$13,488
Building Square Footage: 4,080
Computer Devices: 6*



Operating costs include repairs and maintenance, electricity, gas, water, phone, sewer, and snow and garbage removal.

*Traveling computer teacher takes 15 computers to each site once a week.

Food Service

Percentage of Children Eligible to Eat

Free Meals.....30 percent
 Reduced Price Meals.....13 percent
 Full Price Meals.....57 percent

Cost of Meals

Breakfast: Students, \$1.55; Adults, \$1.80
 Lunch: Students, \$2.70; Adults, \$3.20
 Reduced price for breakfast: 30 cents
 Cost for a reduced lunch: 40 cents

Average Daily Participation

Sturgis Elementary.....75 percent
 SWMS.....70 percent
 Whitewood.....69 percent
 Piedmont Valley Elementary...66 percent
 SBHS.....*53 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>
2013-14	11,109 (breakfast) 137,845 (lunch)	8,751 (breakfast) 40,608 (lunch)	39,623 (breakfast) 100,033 (lunch)	59,483 (breakfast) 278,486 (lunch)
2012-13	14,087 (breakfast) 133,900 (lunch)	8,266 (breakfast) 34,331 (lunch)	39,587 (breakfast) 100,227 (lunch)	61,940(breakfast) 268,458 (lunch)
2011-12	16,114 (breakfast) 141,566 (lunch)	7,142 (breakfast) 32,651 (lunch)	38,314 (breakfast) 91,858 (lunch)	61,570 (breakfast) 266,075 (lunch)
2010-11	15,884 (breakfast) 144,365 (lunch)	8,624 (breakfast) 33,429 (lunch)	35,880 (breakfast) 90,652 (lunch)	60,388 (breakfast) 268,446 (lunch)
2009-10	16,011 (breakfast) 145,177 (lunch)	9,921 (breakfast) 36,887 (lunch)	35,944 (breakfast) 89,705 (lunch)	61,876 (breakfast) 271,769 (lunch)

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

A total of \$67,510.28 was spent during the 2013-14 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 fruit and vegetables during the school day and free of charge to all children enrolled in the three participating schools.

The purpose of the program is to expand and increase the variety and amount of fruit and vegetables

children experience and consume while emphasizing long-term goals of healthy eating habits and combating 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 five years and Piedmont Elementary for two

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 fruits are what was purchased with some of the money.

- Grapes:** 1,780 pounds
- Honey Dew Melons:** 1,175 pounds
- Mangos:** 715 pounds
- Pineapples:** 1,230 pounds
- Apples:** 30,517 apples
- Bananas:** 17,550 bananas

Finances

Budgeted Revenue 2013-14

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Special Education</u>	<u>Pension Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Food Service</u>
Local	\$7,602,423	\$4,668,567	\$2,104,323	\$432,220		\$590,200
County	\$495,000					
State	\$5,871,400		\$450,258			
Federal	\$1,084,533		\$541,259			\$440,000
Reserves	\$488,763		\$24,885			\$137,043
Other	\$5,000					
TOTAL	\$15,547,119	\$4,668,567	\$3,120,725	\$432,220	\$0	\$1,167,243

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.

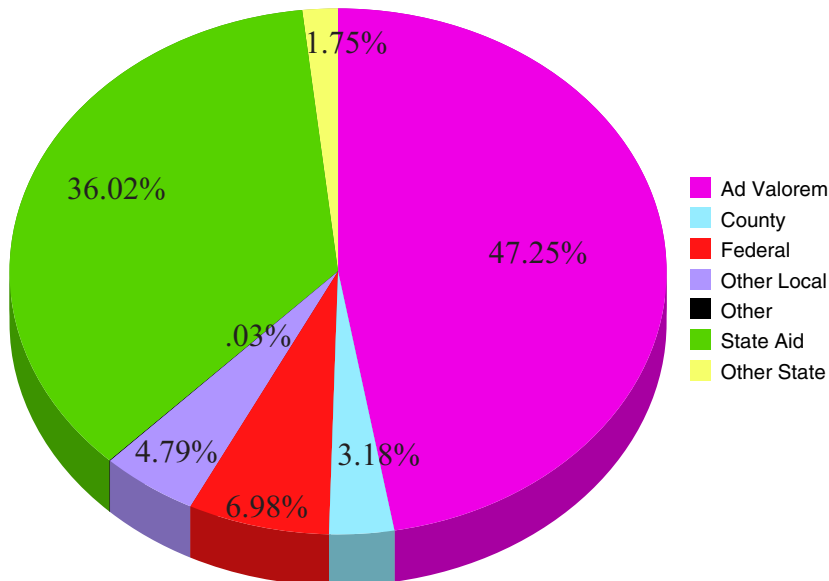
State revenues include state aid, state apportionment, bank franchise tax, and National Guard rent.

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 interest credit on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act bonds.

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.....	\$2.090
Owner-Occupied.....	\$4.296
Other (Commercial).....	\$9.200
Pension Levy.....	\$0.30
Capital Outlay.....	\$3.00
Special Education.....	\$1.476

Taxable Valuation

(payable in 2014)

Agricultural Property.....	\$388,992,218
Owner-Occupied.....	\$737,907,477
Other (Commercial).....	\$336,463,668

TOTAL.....\$1,463,363,363

Budgeted Expenditures 2013-14

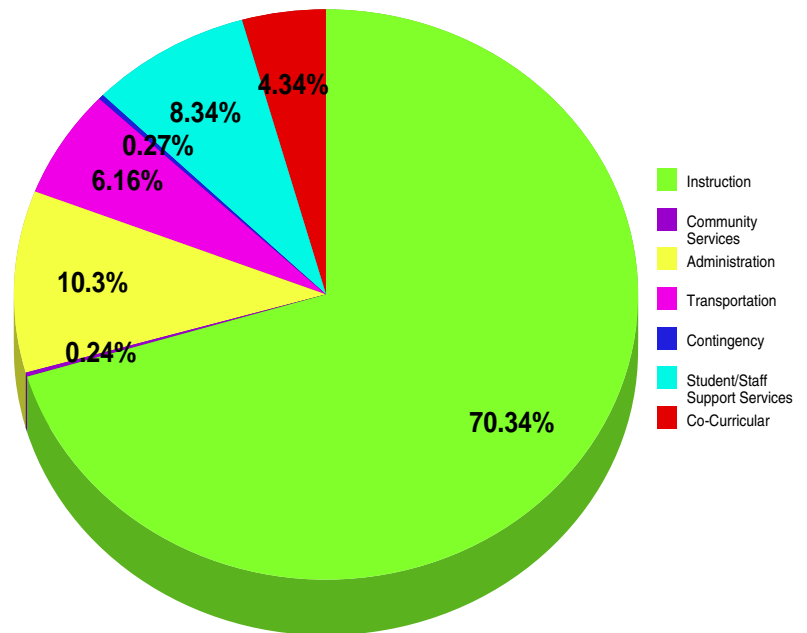
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Special Education</u>	<u>Pension Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Food Service</u>
Instruction	\$9,236,119	\$571,942	\$2,384,886			
Student/Staff Support Services	\$1,095,211	\$208,075	\$523,180			
Administration	\$1,352,298	\$1,200	\$159,299			
Transportation	\$809,310	\$120,000	\$53,360			
Other Support Services		\$1,294,650				\$1,167,243
Community Services	\$31,019					
Non-Programmed				\$432,220		
Debt Service		\$2,434,700				
Co-Curricular	\$570,197	\$38,000				
Contingency	\$35,753	\$0				
TOTAL	\$13,129,907	\$4,668,567	\$3,120,725	\$432,220	\$0	\$1,167,243

Cost Per Pupil

	<u>Meade Cost Per ADM*</u>	<u>Statewide ADM*Average</u>	<u>Meade Ranking</u>
2012-13	\$6,814	\$7,739	136 lowest of 151 Districts
2011-12	\$7,085	\$7,752	123 lowest of 152 Districts
2010-11	\$7,128	\$8,065	127 lowest of 152 Districts
2009-10	\$7,037	\$7,958	137 lowest of 154 Districts
2008-09	\$7,027	\$7,850	133 lowest of 157 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>
2013-2014	\$15,364,893	\$4,978,507	\$3,080,774	\$275,509	\$0	\$1,058,398
2012-2013	\$14,209,988	\$3,869,275	\$2,864,038	\$259,560	\$0	\$1,205,027
2011-2012	\$13,876,350	\$5,225,092	\$2,907,900	\$537,368	\$1,672,727	\$1,133,815
2010-2011	\$14,440,096	\$5,017,424	\$2,798,812	\$268,513	\$8,927,134	\$1,115,583
2009-2010	\$14,653,625	\$2,880,595	\$2,790,453	\$288,022	\$934,288	\$1,131,352

Ancillary Services

Transportation

The Meade School District contracts with the Sturgis Bus Company for its transportation.

Number of Bus Routes.....	20
Bus Route Miles Per Year.....	265,161
Number of Miles Driven Daily.....	1,569
Number of Children Transported Daily.....	1,234
Extracurricular Activity Miles Per Year.....	47,034
Total Cost of Regular Route Busing.....	\$760,607

Sturgis Academy

Sturgis Academy is an alternative high school established in 1996 to provide an educational program for students, who, for various reasons, are unable to complete school in a traditional setting.

One full-time and one half-time teacher facilitate learning in courses that consist of self-contained study packets and tests. English and math courses are scheduled in a collegiate-style manner where students must attend class at a specific time each

week. 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 a set amount of hours each week within the schedule of 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Students who are not 18 years of age may enroll in the GED program at the Academy. In addition,

the Academy daily serves students from 3:10-5 p.m. who are in need of credit recovery courses failed at the high school so they can graduate on time.

Of the 68 fulltime students served in 2013-14, 23 also attended classes at the high school while two were GED preparation students.

Upon completion of the required number of credits, students receive a diploma from SBHS. For the 2013-14 school year, that number totaled 24.

Capable Kids and Drivers Education

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 2013-14 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.

Drivers Education classes, which are offered through the Curriculum Office, were held twice during the 2013-14 school year with 47 students taking the classes.

Health Services

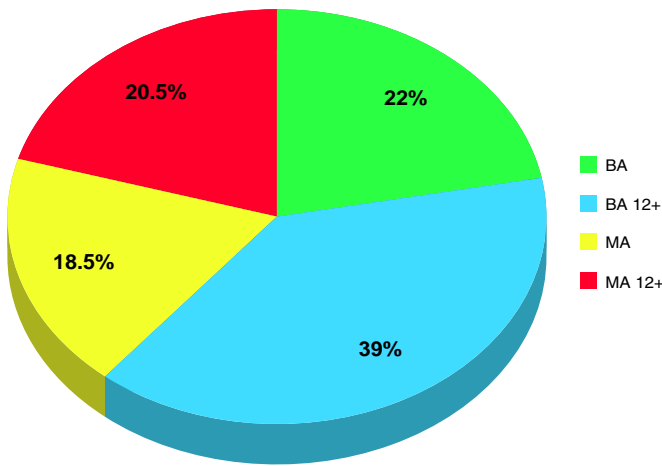
Three licensed registered nurses and one administrative assistant provide health services for the school district. In addition to monitoring immunizations, they

dispense medications, conduct vision, audio and scoliosis screenings, offer health counseling and provide health education and wellness to students and staff.

Personnel

Personnel (Full and Part-time)			
Teachers.....	196	Principals, Administrators.....	12
Paraprofessionals, Tutors.....	44	Professional/Technical.....	6
Custodians, Maintenance.....	27	Nurses.....	3
Lunchroom, Cooks.....	25	Business Manager.....	1
Administrative Assistants.....	21	Superintendent.....	1
Total: 336			

**Level of Education
Certificated Staff**



Percent of Highly Qualified Teachers

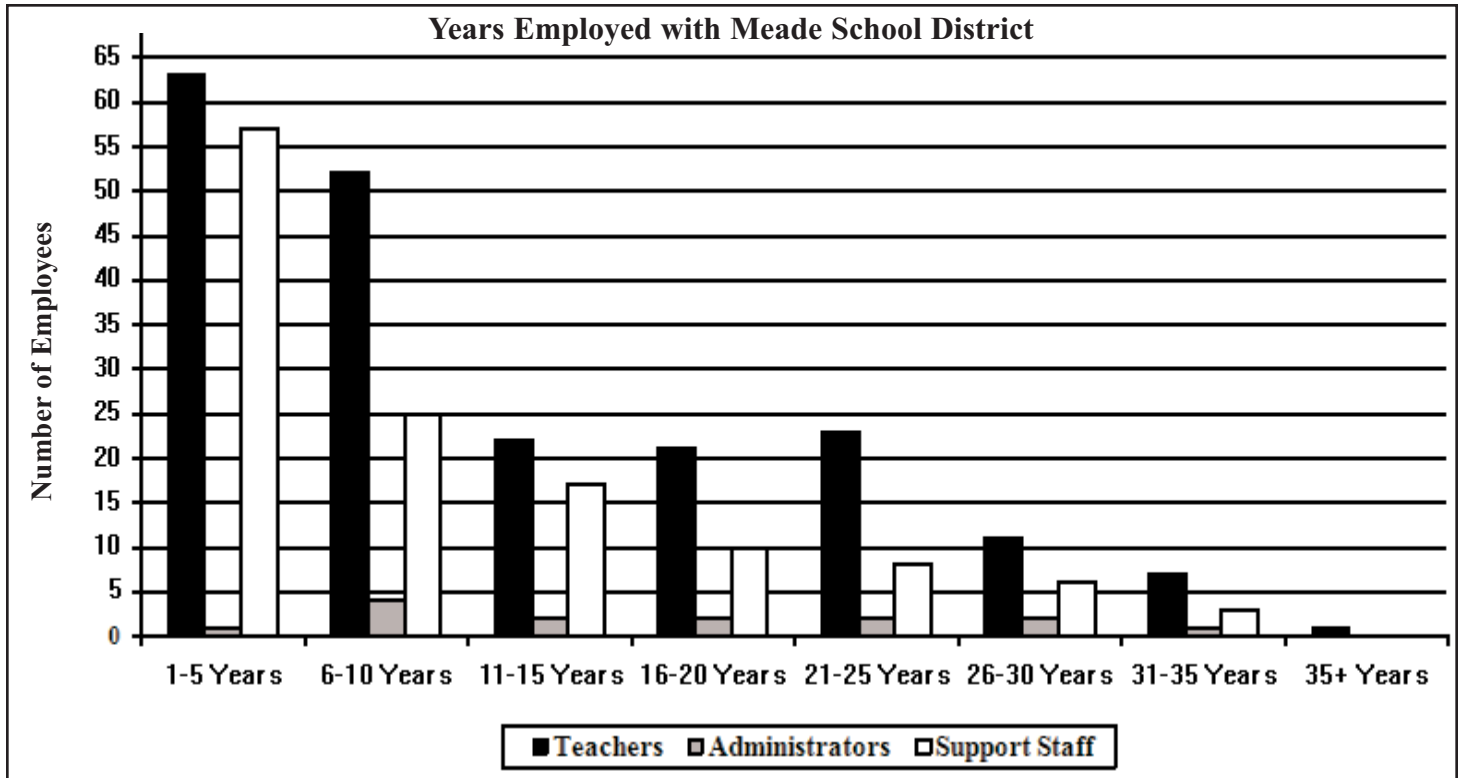
2013-2014	98.5%	2010-2011	99.8%
2012-2013	100%	2009-2010	100%
2011-2012	100%	2008-2009	100%

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, economics, history, art 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: 2.7%; 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.

<u>Primary Disability Area</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>	<u>Percent of Total Students*</u>
Deaf-Blind	0	
Emotionally Disturbed	19	0.7%
Cognitive Disability	32	1.2%
Hearing Loss	2	0.07%
Specific Learning Disability	166	6.3%
Multiple Disability	7	0.3%
Vision Loss	2	0.07%
Orthopedic Impairments	2	0.07%
Deafness	0	
Speech/Language Impairments	100	3.7%
Other Health Impairments	36	1.3%
Autism	10	0.3%
Traumatic Brain Injury	0	
Developmentally Delayed	24	0.9%
TOTAL	400	15%

*Percentage is based on Dec. 1, 2013, child count numbers of 2,653.25 K-12 and early intervention students.

	<u>Number of Special Education Students</u>	<u>Percent of Total Student Population</u>
2013-14	400	15.0%
2012-13	389	15.0%
2011-12	369	15.0%
2010-11	361	14.7%
2009-10	340	13.5%

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.

	<u>Number of Gifted Students</u>
2013-14	138
2012-13	163
2011-12	158
2010-11	144
2009-10	122

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.

	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2009-10</u>
Number of students on 504 Plans	27	20	31	34	66

Title I

The 2013-14 school year was the second year the approved Title I Schoolwide Program was implemented 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 2013-14 was 95.33 percent, up from 94.85 percent in 2012-13. Statewide attendance for 2013-14 averaged 95.95 percent.

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

Socio-Economic Status

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

	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10
Piedmont Elementary	35.9%	33%	33.3%	43.92%	38.20%
Sturgis Brown High School	32.9%	31%	26.5%	37.10%	32.23%
Sturgis Elementary	51.4%	53%	45.9%	56.73%	49.45%
Sturgis Williams MS	44.7%	43%	43.9%	51.75%	46.53%
Whitewood	55.1%	50%	50%	63.20%	51.17%

Dropout Rate

2013-14 - 2.65%
 2012-13 - 2.83%
 2011-12 - 2.08%
 2010-11 - 4.2%
 2009-10 - 3.0%

Homeless - 37

English as a Second Language - 0

Activities

- 5 Club sports (boys/girls soccer, softball, rodeo and baseball)
- 13 Sanctioned high school sports (football, boys/girls cross country, competitive dance and cheer, volleyball, boys/girls golf, boys/girls basketball, wrestling, boys/girls track)
- 34 Middle school coaches/advisers
- 54 High school offerings
- 54 High school coaches/advisers
- 71 Middle school away activities
- 78 Middle school home activities
- 159 Motel rooms used for high school activities
- 147 High school home activities
- 222 High school away activities
- \$23,270 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.....	129
Males.....	142
(Does not include those who dropped out or moved. Also, does not include the two and three sport athletes.)	
<u>Fine Arts Participation</u>	
Females.....	119
Males.....	70
(Does not include those who dropped out or who moved.)	

Post High School Plans

Prior to the end of the school year, 95.7% percent of the 142 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.....45.7%
- Work.....25.3%
- Vocational/tech school.....19.7%
- Military.....5.6%
- Undecided.....2.1%

Graduation Rate

	<u>Meade School District</u>	<u>South Dakota</u>
2013-14	87.82%	82.71%
2012-13	86%	82.34%
2011-12	84%	83.16%
2010-11	75.19%	83.39%
2009-10	85.94%	89.23%

American College Test (ACT)

	<u>Meade School District Composite Score</u>	<u>South Dakota Composite Score</u>
2013-14	21.3	21.9
2012-13	21.8	21.9
2011-12	21.4	21.8
2010-11	21.6	21.8
2009-10	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>
2013-14	3.24% (86)	.49% (13)	3.24% (86)	.75% (20)	88.63% (2,353)	.04% (1)	2.45% (65)
2012-13	5.26% (136)	.50% (13)	3.32% (86)	.54% (14)	88.3% (2,283)	.01% (3)	1.85% (48)
2011-12	4.53% (108)	.54% (13)	2.93% (70)	.59% (14)	89.4% (2,133)	.08% (2)	1.93% (46)
2010-11	4.4% (108)	.61% (15)	2.2% (54)	.89% (22)	90.6% (2,217)	.16% (4)	1.1% (27)
2009-10	5.78% (160)	.50% (14)	1.98% (55)	1.19% (33)	90.27% (2,497)	.25% (7)	NA

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 Chorus.....3.71 gpa	Girls Basketball Cheerleaders...3.03 gpa	One Act Play.....3.41 gpa
Band-Solo Ensemble Group...3.35 gpa	Girls Basketball Team.....3.49 gpa	Oral Interpretation.....3.26 gpa
Boys Basketball Cheerleaders...3.03 gpa	Girls Cross Country.....3.66 gpa	Student Council.....3.75 gpa
Boys Cross Country.....3.20 gpa	Girls Golf.....3.43 gpa	Vocal-Solo Ensemble Group...3.09 gpa
Boys Golf Team.....3.00 gpa	Girls Track and Field.....3.32 gpa	Volleyball.....3.55 gpa
Boys Track and Field.....3.36 gpa	Large Group Band.....3.35 gpa	Wrestling Cheerleaders.....3.09 gpa
Debate and IE Team.....3.40 gpa	Large Group Chorus.....3.09 gpa	Wrestling Team.....3.06 gpa

The following Sturgis Brown High School athletic teams were state award winners.

Black Magic.....Seventh Place Kick	Competitive Cheer.....Sixteenth Place
Black Magic.....Twelfth Place Pom	Competitive Dance.....Fourteenth Place
Black Magic.....Tenth Place Hip Hop	Girls Basketball Team.....Fourth Place
Boys Basketball.....Eighth Place	Girls Cross Country.....Eighth Place
Boys Golf.....Fifteenth Place	Girls Soccer.....Fourth Place
Boys Cross Country.....Seventh Place	Wrestling Team.....Sixth Place
Boys Soccer.....Fourth Place	

Activities Director Mike Paris received the Distinguished Service Award from the S.D. High School Activities Association Board of Directors in recognition of his outstanding service to the youth of the state through his involvement in high school activities.

Sturgis Brown High School teacher Coleen Keffeler was one of 15 educators nationwide appointed to the Career Readiness Task Force of the Smarter Balanced Consortium.

Sturgis Elementary School music teacher Hillary Hill was honored as the Outstanding Educator of the Year at the Black Hills Special Services Cooperative Disabilities Awards Picnic. She was honored for her successful inclusion of BHSSC students in music classes at the school.

Thirty-seven Meade School District fourth, fifth and sixth grade students were selected by taped audition to participate in the 16th annual South Dakota Elementary Honor Choir in Sioux Falls. Students include, from Sturgis Elementary, Emmah-Leigh Cass, Zoey Goebel, Reese Jensen, Madyson Kracht, Chandy Mercy, Joclyn Nohava and Makenna Rock, all fourth grade, and Ashlee Harrison, Owen Hoops, Zariah Jones, Kaitlyn Roberts and Shelby Roberts, all fifth grade. Piedmont Valley Elementary participants are Emmalyn Brant, Grace Fogelman, Selah Hauser, Lia Neumiller,

Holly Pates, Rio Snyder and Taylor Tait, all fourth grade, Elise Christian and Cami Mettler, both fifth grade, and Glory Christianson, Cody Emick, Trevor Keierleber, Gabe Nelson, Mason Neumiller, Allie Schmitz and Jillian Sutton, all sixth grade. Participants from Whitewood Elementary include Landan Hand and Mya Rindelau, both fifth grade, and Kiara Brown, sixth grade. Sturgis Williams Middle School sixth-graders who participated were Kennedy Bush, Kaylee Eixenberger, Felicity Ferwerda, Danika Gordon, Sydney Hyman and Gwen Johnson.

Twelve students from Sturgis Brown High School were selected for the 61st annual All-State Chorus and Orchestra in Sioux Falls. The students, who were all selected by competitive audition, were Luke Altstiel, Jasmine Flakus, Marcus Heintz, Beau Ireland, Brooke Ireland, Jena Rathert, Sarah Rathert, Anna Roltgen, Jason Schneider, Jesse Skidmore, Chris Wheeler and Bethany Ziebarth.

Senior Tate McVay took fifth in this year's State AA Boys Golf Tournament.

Four SBHS drama students received top acting honors at the State One-Act Festival held in Brandon. Named outstanding actors were Willow Cowherd, Seth Gerberding, Samantha Ricci and Chris Wheeler.

The following SBHS students were named to the State Soccer Association

Class A All-State teams: Alexandria Kelly, Lynsey Prosser, Illianna Shuck and Karli Wilson, all first team; Jordan Kaubisch, first team; Jeffery Noyes, Jackson Peterson and Matt Sundberg, all second team; and Ryan Willey, honorable mention team.

Cross country runners who were top finishers at the State AA cross country meet were Allison Green, eighth, and Jacob Simmons, 16th.

Kody Kracht, Stetson Lippert and Tanner Weaver were named to the Black Hills Conference All-Conference Football Team; Kellen Barden and Beau Ireland, Black Hills Conference All Conference Honorable Mention Football Team; Tanner Weaver and Kody Kracht, All-State Honorable Mention Football team; and Stetson Lippert, All-State Football First Team.

The Oral Interpretation Team consisting of Ethan Marsland, Jordan Smith, Seth Gerberding, Chris Wheeler, Ryan Honaker, Olivia Lyle, Lexie Eakins, Sam Ricci and Willow Cowherd received the Team Excellence Award at the State Oral Interp Festival in recognition of their superior performance. Superior awards went to the readers' theatre team of Ricci, Wheeler, Lyle, Cowherd, Smith and Gerberding; duet interpretation by Ricci and Wheeler; serious prose by Gerberding; humorous reading by Honaker; and non-original oratory by Marsland.

Student and Staff Achievements

S.D. Academic All-State members include Stetson Lippert and Luke Altstiel, both football; Amanda Barrows, Brooke Ireland, Denee Lindgren and Kahlie Peterson, all volleyball; and Courtney Anderson, cross country.

Jordan Kaubisch was named to the soccer605.com Elite 11 small program boys soccer team.

SBHS special education teacher Jean Karsten was one of 26 educators statewide to be awarded a Classroom Innovation Grant through the SD Department of Education. She received \$23,300 with which she purchased 20 laptops for her students with learning disabilities.

Piedmont special education teacher Tara Albers was selected to be a participant in the computer-based interventions for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders training. She received \$1,000 to purchase an iPad and applications.

Individual results from the State A Wrestling Tournament are as follows: Senior Brody Jorensen at 113 pounds placed third while junior Zane Joens at 126 pounds placed fourth. Taking fifth place honors were freshman Cully Olson, 106; sophomore Tanner Brengle, 132; senior Tate McVay, 160; and junior John Wilson, 285. Senior Ethan Bennett took sixth at 170 pounds, junior Jesse Skidmore took seventh in the 138 pound weight class, and eighth-grader Bailey Brengle took eighth place at 120. Also qualifying for state were sophomore Payson Dirk, 182; and sophomore Jake Vinson, 195.

Selected to participate in the Regional Elementary Festival Choir were Sturgis Elementary School fourth-graders Katelyn Aberle, Lilly Forbes, Kenna Goebel, Matea Gordon, Max Lowe, Neveah Murray, Gage Pentecost, Izzy Shepardson and Erin Yantis; and Sturgis Elementary School fifth-graders Emma Barnard, Jillian Beck, Nicole Gross, Kaidan Hopson, Makayla Keffeler, McKenna Kress, Trinity Legner and Elisabeth Ortiz. Whitewood School participants include fifth-graders Heston Hegdahl, Jarody Udager and Zia Wallace, and sixth-graders Max Burton, Breanna Garry, Mairan McGrath, Kloe Stalder. Rural students selected include Kaidyn Meyers, fifth grade, Hereford; Kylie Shaw, sixth grade, and Emily Gray Smith, sixth grade, both Enning/Union Center; Dillon Smith, fifth

grade, Opal; and Bailey Urbaniak, fifth grade, Atall.

Junior Jackson Peterson was the grand prize winner at the 59th annual High Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair held on the campus of SD School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City. As the winner, he attended the 2014 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles, Calif.

Lynsey Prosser was named to the All-Tournament Team for the SD AA Girls Basketball Tournament and junior Kellen Barden was named to the All-Tournament Team for the SD AA Boys Basketball Tournament. Prosser was also named to the First Team All-State Girls Basketball and Kahlie Peterson was named to the Second Team All-State Girls Basketball.

SWMS eighth-grader Bridger Gordon won the 2014 South Dakota state-level Geographic Bee and represented the state at the national competition in Washington, D.C. He also took first in the Regional History Bee and represented the states of Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming and South Dakota at the National History Bee in Atlanta, Georgia.

At the Hole-In-The-Wall District National Forensic League Qualifying Tournament two students - senior Dan Garland and junior Jordan Smith - qualified for the National Tournament. Garland qualified in Lincoln Douglas Debate while Smith qualified in Student Congress.

SWMS student Danika Gordon won the national 2014 Block Kids Building Program Competition sponsored by the National Association of Women in Construction.

SBHS teacher Kristin Wheaton was named the South Dakota Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year for 2014 by the National Association of Biology Teachers.

Piedmont fifth-grader Kiara Rath won the statewide essay contest "Why I Want To Be A Nurse" sponsored by South Dakota State University College of Nursing.

Scoopers placing at the State AA Track Meet held in Sioux Falls were Jacob Simmons: 800 Meter Run (State Champion), 1600 Meter Run (State Champion); Klara Lyon: Pole Vault (State Champion); Brooke Ireland: 100 Meter Dash (4th), 400 Meter Dash (2nd), and 800 Meter Run (2nd); Allison Green: 1600 Meter Run (6th), 3200 Meter Run (5th); Tanner Weaver: High Jump (3rd); girls 4x800 Meter Relay (7th): Kahlie

Peterson, Allison Green, Hannah Peterson, Gwyneth Simmons; boys 4x800 meter relay (third): Beau Ireland, Cayden Noble, Jacob Simmons and David Reinhardt.

Meade School District safety and environmental field worker Doug Draine received the SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence because the Enning School water system, for which he is operations specialist, met the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act for the past 13 years.

Aliza Goodall, a fifth grade student at Sturgis Elementary, is an honorable mention winner in the 2014 S.D. Arbor Day Poster Contest.

SBHS junior Tre' Parlier took second place in the culinary arts competition and junior Corey Aga placed third in the welding competition at the SD SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference held in Mitchell.

SBHS senior Daniele Johnston took first place in the regional Le Cordon Bleu Rising Star Future Chef Contest in Dallas, Texas, and advanced to the national finals in Los Angeles.

Sturgis Brown High School teacher and wrestling coach Steve Keszler was named the 2014 National Wrestling Coach of the Year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association during the association's June convention in Jackson Hole, Wyo. The award is presented to one athletic director and one coach in each of 18 different sports for their lifetime achievement, not just for a season of coaching.

Students with perfect attendance for the entire year include Bailey Puklich, Martin Jones, Carlie Johnson, Braden Moore, Joellen Cano, Ysabela Gallosa, Ridge Inhofer, Madison Schaefer, Haley Ferguson and Jesaca Gallosa, all Sturgis Elementary School; Mason Hodina, Peyton Raterman, Emma Jobgen, Azlyn Peterson, Deandre Nalley, Allison Ogden, Jazlyn Kempe, Elyse Seals, Zoey Snyder, Walker Vlietstra, Samantha Kukla and Trevor Keierleber, all Piedmont Valley Elementary; Lexi McKee, Gracie Good and Lexa Delbridge, all Sturgis Williams Middle School; Alora Huffman, Aaron Kukla, Drew Concha, Colter Williams, Jordan Lienau, Mya Baker and Abby Keffeler, all Sturgis Brown High School.

Significant Events

There were many significant events that took place during the 2013-14 school year, most memorably a land purchase, an increase in enrollment, the closure and renovation of Sturgis Williams Middle School and the phasing in of soccer as a school-sponsored high school sport.

The school year began with the Meade School Board purchasing approximately six acres of land adjacent to the Stagebarn facility in Summerset. The purchase, which also included a 3,500-square-foot metal building, totaled \$575,000. With that acquisition, the district now owns approximately 23 acres of land at that location.

For the third year in a row, Meade School District enrollment was up. The official count of 2,655 was 72 more students than the previous year. At a per-student allocation of \$4,625.65, the increase equaled \$333,000 more in state aid.

The largest enrollment increase was 72 students at Piedmont Valley Elementary, bringing total enrollment to 565 in kindergarten through sixth grades. Sturgis Brown High School added 22 more students for a total of 696 in ninth through twelfth grades. Five additional students at Sturgis Elementary increased total enrollment

to 723 in kindergarten through fifth grades. All other district schools experienced decreases in enrollment.

In early October, the three feet of snow dumped on the area by Storm Atlas caused parts of Sturgis Williams Middle School's roof to collapse, forcing closure of the school and relocation of 472 students for the remainder of the school year.

The architectural firm of TSP was hired to verify all existing conditions of the middle school facility and design solutions, prepare construction plans and specifications, assist with bidding and awarding of the construction contract, and provide construction administration services during the reconstruction process. Iverson Construction was in charge of interior demolition of the areas beneath the damaged roof, and by

March Ainsworth-Benning began the remodeling and reconstruction of the school. Of the \$3 million renovation price tag, only \$500,000 (which includes \$300,000 for installation of air conditioning) is the school district's responsibility, while the insurance company will cover the remainder.

Meade School Board members agreed to a five-year transition plan for integrating soccer into the Sturgis Brown High School athletic department's offerings, beginning with the 2014-15 school year. At the end of the five years, the sport will become fully sanctioned and completely under the school district's control. The board action will enable the Sturgis Soccer Association to be S.D. High School Athletic Association-eligible during the five-year transition period even though it is still considered a club sport.



Pictured above is the SWMS lobby and commons area following the October storm, and that same area, in the photo at the left, during renovation. The office has been relocated to near the front entrance while the library has been moved to the old office space.

Dakota STEP/Smarter Balanced Assessment

South Dakota is one of many states taking steps to move away from the former education standard known as No Child Left Behind. While the state will no longer use the federal standards, schools are still being held accountable.

As part of that accountability, Meade School District students in grades 3-8 and 11, together with students throughout the state, field-tested a new online test called Smarter Balanced Assessment. The test, which was administered in the spring, was aligned to new state academic standards in English and math.

Since one of the goals of the field test was to uncover challenges before the full launch of the assessment system in the 2014-15 school year, results will be used solely to ensure that test questions are accurate and fair for all students moving forward. Therefore, test results in those two subjects for individual students, schools and the district will not be reported again until the summer of 2015.

Students in grades 3-8 and 11 did, however, take the science test using the state's previous assessment - the South Dakota State Test of Educational Progress

(Dakota STEP). Those results, below and on the next three pages, are displayed in percentage of students scoring at four achievement levels: advanced, proficient, basic and below basic.

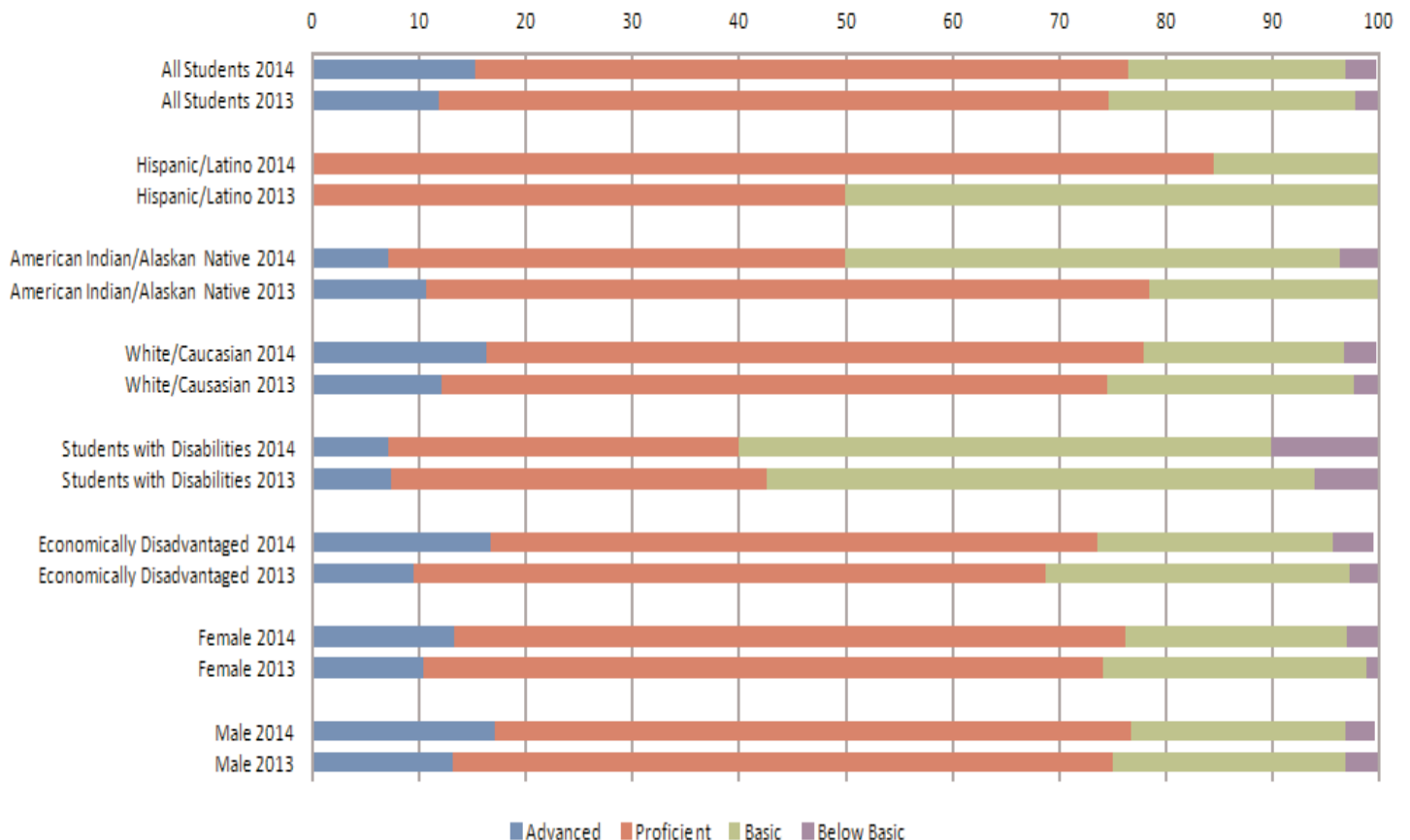
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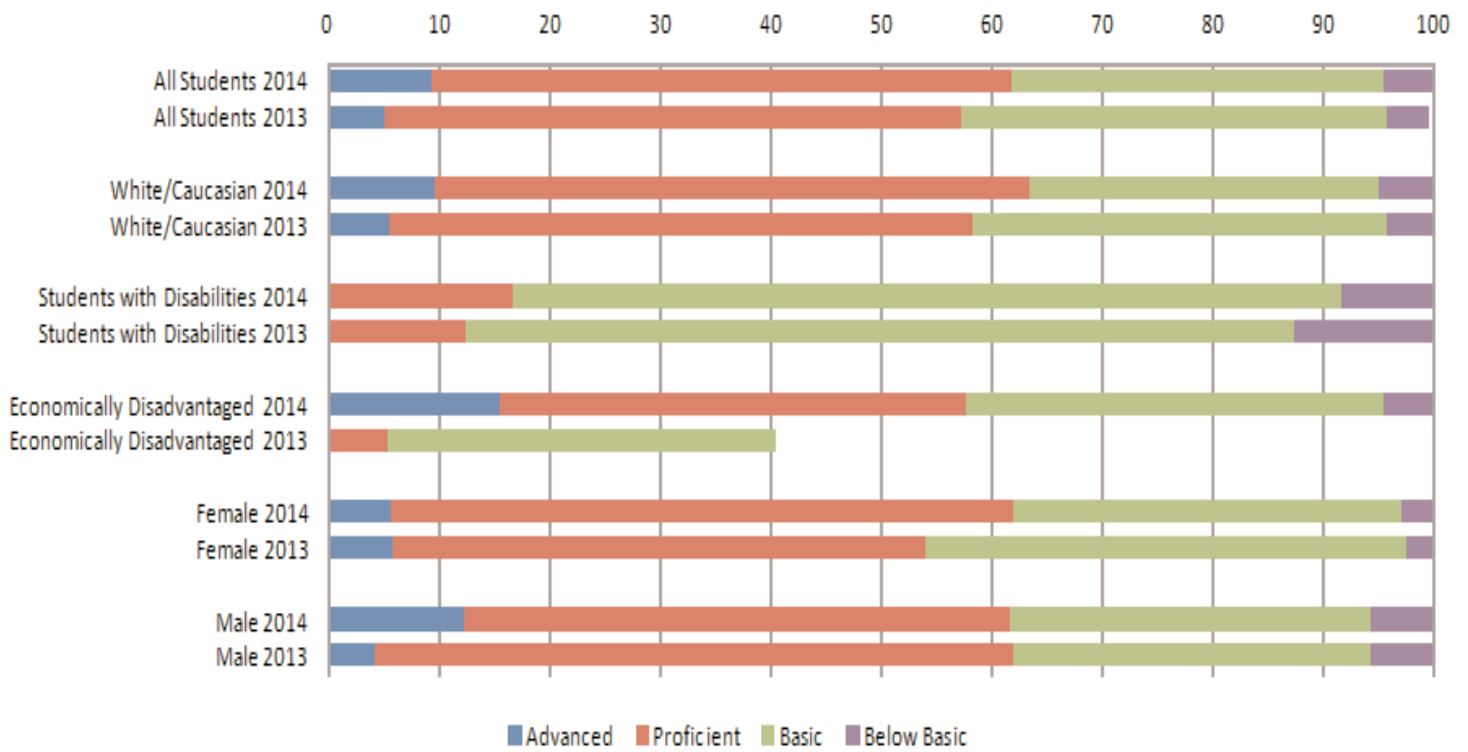
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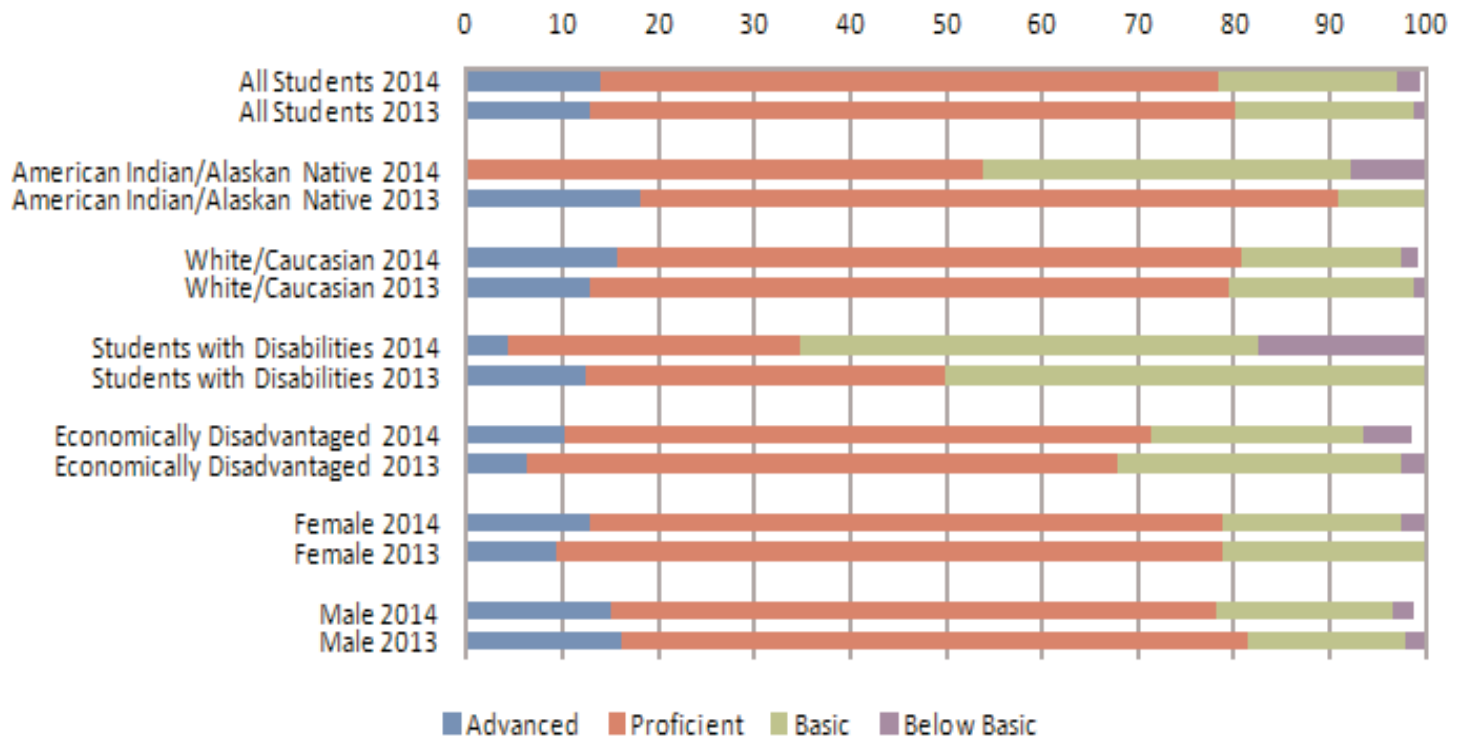
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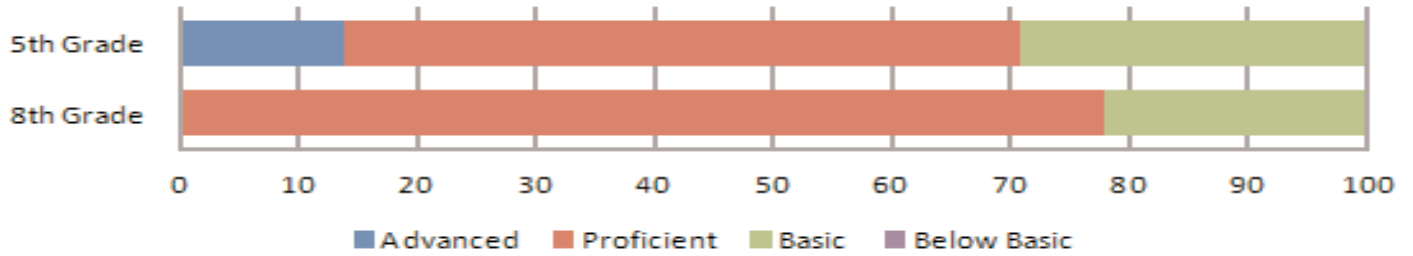
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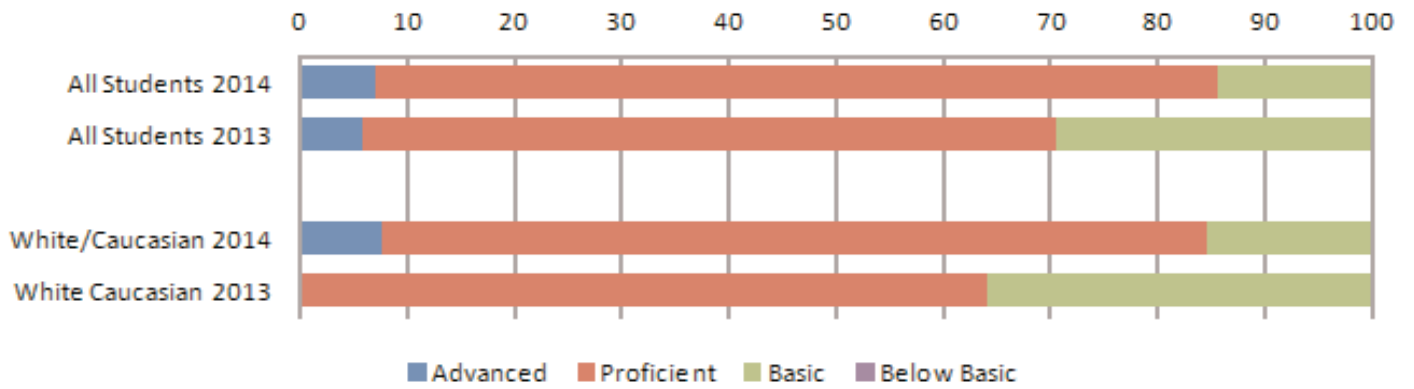
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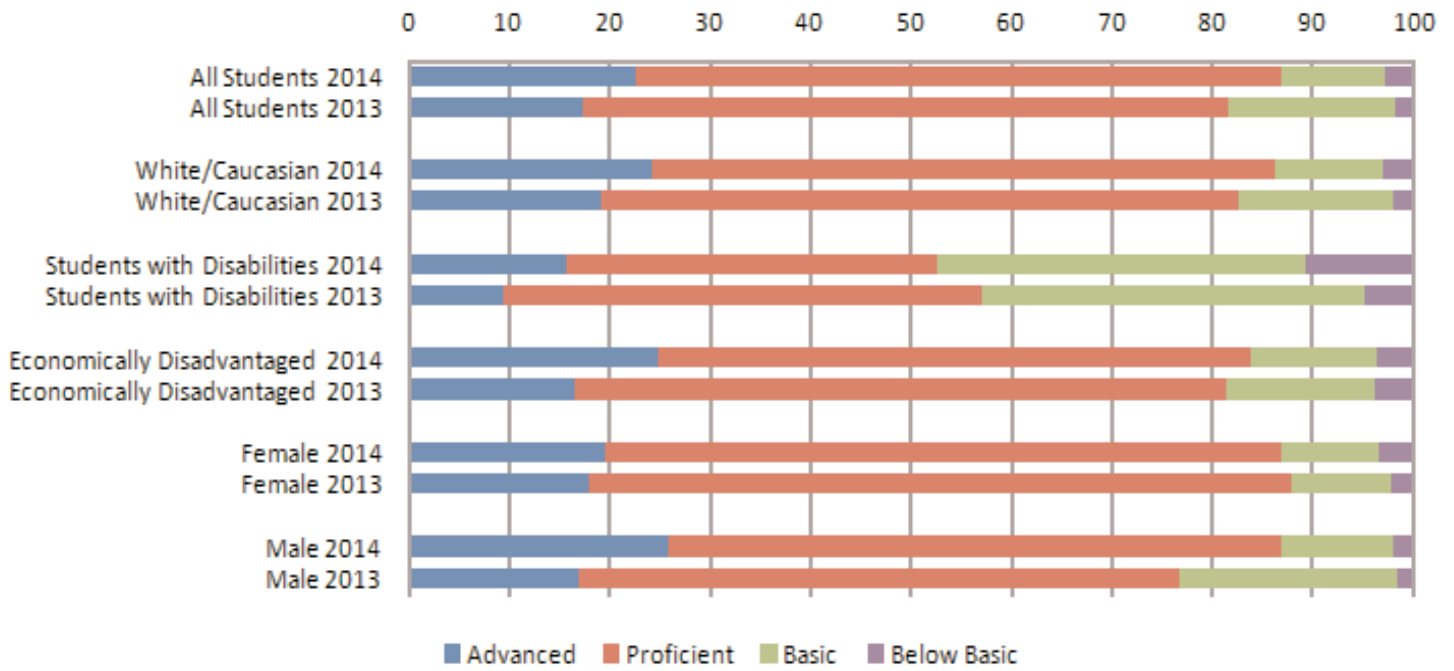
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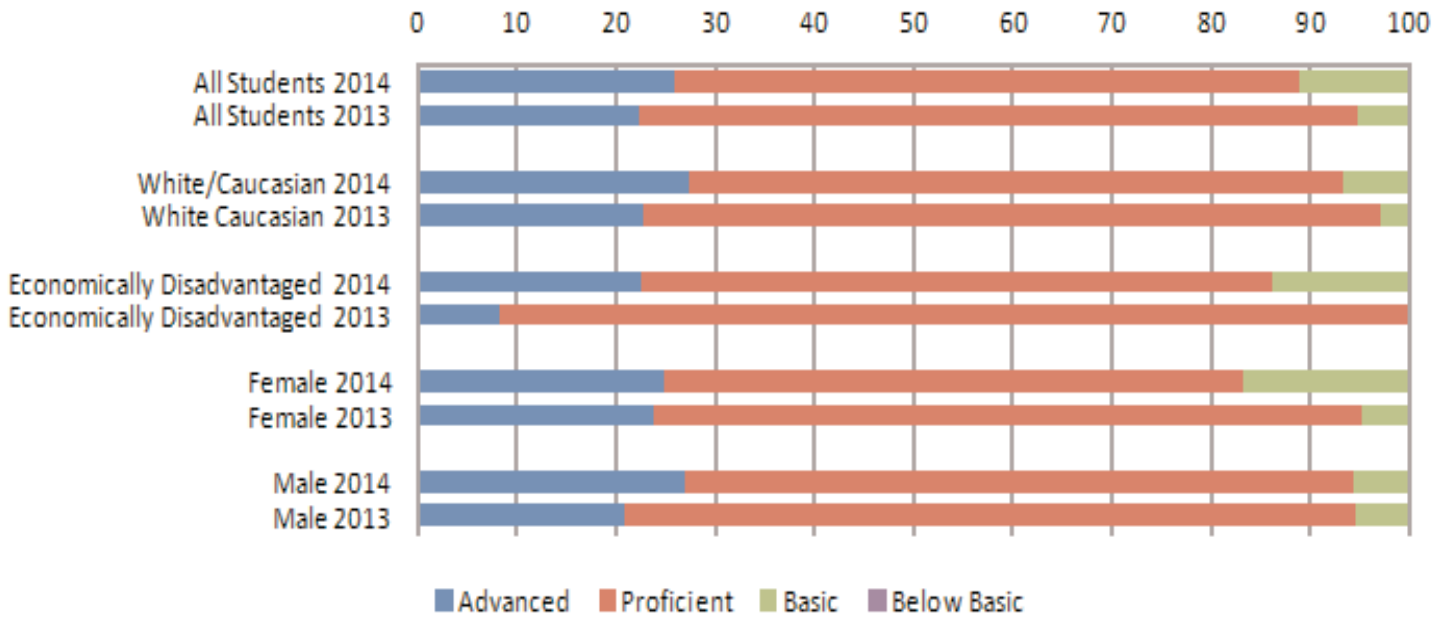
Whitewood Elementary School Science Results



Sturgis Elementary School Science Results



Piedmont Valley Elementary School Science Results



Commitment to Technology

Computer and internet literacy is essential for students to succeed in both the job market and higher education. Businesses assume their employees possess basic computer skills and colleges increasingly utilize computer-based learning in their courses. The Meade School Board is committed to providing students with the tools they need to prepare for careers and higher education, and this includes providing devices to access and explore the Internet.

Traditionally computer labs were used for this purpose. Teachers would schedule times when their classes could visit the lab and students would be limited to the time scheduled. Today, given the increased emphasis on Internet research and the resources available on the Internet, computer labs are no longer meeting students' needs. Teachers are forced to compete with each other to schedule lab time and labs are fully booked year-round without students getting enough computer time.

Given this new environment, school officials realized it had to evolve the way in which students can access the Internet. With the cost of computers and devices like tablets decreasing, the school board decided it was time to move to a 1:1 system where each student would be provided with an internet-accessing device so they could use it all day, every day for class.

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 will be expanded

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

The faculty and administration at Sturgis Brown High School have talked seriously since 2006 about developing their own 1:1 program for the high school. During the 2013-14 school year a committee of high school teachers was formed to study which device would work best in furthering the goals of a 1:1 program. The committee tested an iPad, a Chromebook, an Apple MacBook Air, a HP laptop and a Fujitsu laptop. After considering the pros and cons of all the devices, the committee chose the Apple MacBook Air because, unlike a tablet, it functions

like a computer, has hard drive space for storage, has faster start-up times than the other laptops tested, and has a long battery life.

An additional benefit unique to the MacBook Air is that Apple provides professional development to teachers in order to help them learn how to maximize its use with students. SBHS plans to rollout this program to the SBHS students during the 2014-15 school year.

Pending the success of the iPad and MacBook Air programs, a decision will be made at the conclusion of the 2014-15 school year about whether and how to bring a 1:1 program to grades sixth through eight in the near future. The kindergarten through third grade staff will explore using devices in more of a "center" atmosphere with five to 10 devices per classroom.



Sturgis Brown High School staff received two days of training on the new Apple MacBook as part of the One-to-One Technology Initiative at the school. Pictured are, from the left, June Dill, Danelle Johnson, Megan Jones and Scottie Bruch.

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

Action for the Betterment of the Community; Black Hawk Animal Clinic; Black Hills Family Practice; Black Hills State University: Dr. Katrina Jensen; Black Hills Veterans Administration Medical Center: Occupational Therapy, Primary Care, Urgent Care, Police Department, Hayes Bean, Christie Hoffman, Cheryl Rieniets, Carrie Thurman, and Justin Thurman; City of Sturgis; CMW, Inc.; Flex Fitness; FMG Engineering; Richard Sudmeier; High Plains Physical Therapy; Infinity Diesel; Katie J. Thompson Law Office; KBHB Radio: Gary Matthew; Lazelle LaSalon; Loftus Dental; Lutheran Outdoors South Dakota Outlaw Ranch; Meade County 4-H: Tacy Langemeier; Meade School District Nurses' Office; Natural Resources Conservation Service; Rena Hymans Law Office; Rockingtree Floral and Gifts; Schneider Dental; Sturgis Brown High School: Chad Hedderman and Sage Robinson-Miller; Sturgis Center for the Arts; Sturgis Elementary School: Shelly Inhofer, Beth Schieffer and Julie Witcraft; Sturgis Meade County Animal Control Center; Sturgis Regional Hospital: Rehab Services, Radiology Department, Nursing

Department, Ginger Chord; Sturgis Williams Middle School Library; Sturgis Veterinary Clinic.

School District Donors

Whether donating for a student backpack program, giving free nights at a hotel for teachers who go the extra mile 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, Northern Hills Alcohol and Drug Services, 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 Ranch, Properties Unlimited, Realtors for Kids, Richter Tire & Exhaust, Rushmore Office and Supply, Optimist Club, Rockingtree, Schneider Dental, 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

Community Partnerships

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 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, Knology, 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 Receptions, 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, Windmill Truckstop Subway, U.S. Air Force Army and Navy, U.S. Forest Service, West Jet Air Center, West River Monument, 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, 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, Whitewood Family Restaurant and Whitewood Plaza.

Donors from Other Locations:

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

Long-standing partnership

One of the district's strongest and perhaps longest partnership is with the S.D. National Guard.

The school board and National Guard discussed joint projects as early as 1971 during preliminary meetings

about the construction of a high school and armory at the east campus site.



The S.D. Army National Guard 881st Troop Command, based in Sturgis, donated \$500 this year to Sturgis Brown High School to help defray the cost of breakfast provided to juniors taking the Smarter Balanced state assessment. Presenting the check to teacher Coleen Keffeler, who accepted it on behalf of the school are, from the left, Sgt. Nathan Williamson, Sgt. 1st Class Richard Harming, Sgt. Louie Clement and Staff Sgt. Josh Guthmiller.

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

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Shelli Grinager, Summerset
Juanita Harrington, Piedmont
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Curt Nupen, Piedmont
Bryce Richter, Sturgis
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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)*

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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
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Opal

Superintendent

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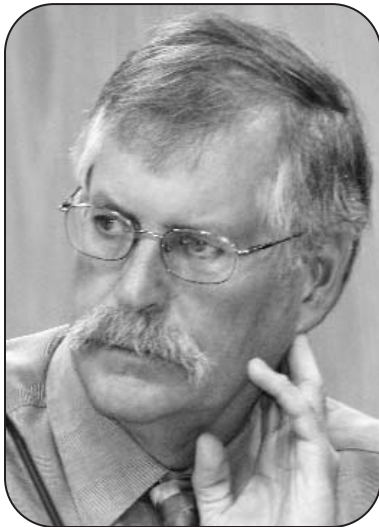
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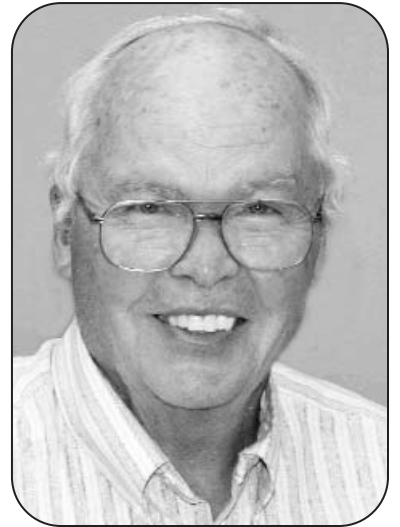
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