



PIPESTONE AREA SCHOOLS District No. 2689

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March 23, 2026 Board Report - Lisa Pease

- 1.) District Assessment Updates: The ACCESS testing window closed on Friday, March 20, 2026; I have been working on doing inventory and packing up all of those materials to ship back. Next up we have the ACT, which will be administered on April 7, 2026. As you may recall, the ACT online assessment platform was not functioning properly last year on our assessment date, which caused some anxiety with our students. Because of that, we decided to go back to the paper/pencil assessment as we want to create the best testing environment that we can for our students. Then, on April 14, 2026 we will begin our first round of MCA testing. This year we have School Assessment Coordinators at each building level so that we can reduce the total number of assessment days. During Wednesday Early Dismissals I have met with all of the teachers and paraprofessionals that will be proctoring the MCAs to ensure they have completed the training requirements.
- 2.) Curriculum Director Networking Meeting: Each month I attend a Curriculum Director Networking Meeting with other directors from the SWWC region. This month part of the discussion included American Indian Education. Our teachers are always looking for Native American related teaching resources that align with our standards, so I will be sharing this information with them. We also discussed literacy updates for the READ ACT and much of the discussion centered around how we are implementing the requirements at the secondary level. Most districts are struggling with how to meet the requirements at the high school level as we do not have reading interventionists or daily PRIME/FLEX. Mrs. Ortman, Mrs. Speer (Literacy Lead), and I have met a few times to discuss how we can best support our students at the middle and high school levels, but no decisions have been made yet. Another point of discussion was that MDE is requiring CAPTI (diagnostic reading assessment for grades 4 - 12), however, no additional READ ACT funding has been issued to assist with the cost of the program. Natalie Delmonico, our COMPASS Regional Literacy Lead at SWWC indicated that the other regional literacy leads have been in communication with MDE regarding this burden on districts.
- 3.) A&I Update: Our FY27 Budget was due on March 15, 2026. In FY26 we did not utilize our entire budget, so we were able to make a couple of additions to our FY27 Budget. One of our current projects is in regards to our attendance data. If the budget is approved, we will be purchasing Attendance Boards, which will give us a visual representation of our student attendance each month. Along with this, we will be able to purchase student attendance incentives. An additional project will include the funding of FLINTK12. Once the budget is approved, we will work on updating our current A&I plan to reflect those changes.