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Dr. Wayne Kindle, Superintendent

Yankton School District

Safety Vestibules at Academic Attendance Centers

Approximately two years ago, a District Wide Facilities Study was completed in the YSD. One of the top priorities was to improve student and staff safety at our of our attendance centers.

A bid was awarded to Welfl Construction at the February 12 School Board Meeting allowing construction and installation of Safety Vestibules at all of the academic attendance centers in the Yankton School District. There will be a noticeable difference at the main entrance of each attendance center beginning next fall. The Safety Vestibules will provide additional security and safety in each of our attendance centers.

There will also be a significant window replacement project at Stewart Elementary School. Additionally, some door replacements will take place at Yankton High School, which also improves security and safety for our students as well as staff.

The total bid amount to Welfl Construction for these projects was \$522,700 using Capital Outlay Funds to pay for these improvements.

Local contractors including Welfl Construction, Redlinger Plumbing & Heating, and Power Source Electric will be working on these improvements.

Crane Youngworth Synthetic Turf Update

Fund-raising for Synthetic Turf has been taking place for several months with a goal of \$800,000. At the February 12 School Board Meeting a contract was offered to Mid America Sports Construction in the amount of \$717,208. This was great news that the cost came in much lower than expected.

A bid was also accepted from Welfl Construction for Field House Renovations in the amount of \$154,000. This too will be paid for by using money raised for the Crane Youngworth Renovations. Local contractors including Welfl Construction, Redlinger Plumbing & Heating, and Power Source Electric will be working on this project.

The total for both the Synthetic Turf and Field House Renovations is \$871,208. We have fund-raised approximately \$830,000 to date. Please contact the YSD Business Office to inquire about engraved Chairs and Pavers for your family or business, as part of our fund-raising.

The Smile Mobile

The Yankton School District is collaborating with The Dakota Smile Mobile and United Way of Greater Yankton to put a smile on faces!

The Dakota Smile Mobile program provides **NO COST** complete oral health care to children ages 0-21. If your child is in need of dental care, and you are unable to afford it, the Dakota Smile Mobile dental office will be offering free dental care including cleanings, preventive services, fillings, and oral health education **Monday, March 19th – Friday, March 23rd.** No child is turned away.

Preregistration is required to participate. Registration forms can be obtained at Yankton School District schools or online at http://www.yanktonunitedway.org/. Please return completed registration forms to United Way of Greater Yankton at 610 W 23rd Street, Suite 11, Yankton, SD. Call 605-665-6766 for more information. The Smile Mobile will be located at Beadle Elementary. **Deadline to register is Wednesday, March 9.**

Legislative Coffees

The Legislative Coffees are open to the public. All Legislative Coffees will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Avera Office Pavilion Amphitheatre, 409 Summit Street. The Final Legislative Coffee is March 3, 2018.

Public In-put at School Board Meetings

Public Comment: All meetings of the School Board, except for executive sessions, are open to the public to attend. This includes regular, special, and emergency meetings of the School Board. The School Board, as an elected representative body of the school district, wishes to provide an opportunity for citizens to express interests and concerns related to the school district. The public is cordially invited to attend Board meetings.

Public Input on Agenda Items: Individuals wishing to address the Board regarding a current agenda item will have an opportunity to do so after the administration has presented the item to the Board but prior to the Board addressing the agenda item. The Board will not hear comment on consent agenda items, however, prior to noon the day of the meeting, members of the public may by contacting the Superintendent request that an item on the consent agenda be placed on the regular agenda for comment.

Individuals wishing to address the Board on an agenda item must sign up with the Business Manager or designee prior to the beginning of the meeting. Each person wishing to speak must give his/her name and address, identify the name of the organization represented (if any), identify the agenda item he/she wishes to address, and indicate whether he or she will be speaking for or against the item.

Superintendent Presentations

As Superintendent, I would be happy to visit with you personally or speak to your group/organization. I am also willing to host your group at our Administration Building or one of our school buildings.

As Superintendent, I have spoken to several groups through-our community and have hosted groups at our Administration Building. Please feel free to contact me at 665-3998 to arrange a time to visit.

Henry Ford stated, "Coming together is a beginning. Staying together is a process. Working together is a success."