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## Superintendent School Board Report

April 22, 2026

As we step into the end of April and look toward the beginning of May, we are reminded how busy and active school can be! Activities are in full swing, field trips are planned, graduation invites are hitting mailboxes, and the end of the school year is now in our field of view. As we look back on April and look ahead to May, here are a few items to share.

1. **Roof Construction** – We met with Tremco and reviewed the next phases of the roofing project. Materials will be delivered at the end of May and crews will arrive shortly after to begin removing rock from the roof and start the next two phases. As we start the work, we will share updates as they become available from Tremco and Blackhawk Roofing.
2. **ESP Negotiations** – The contract with the Educational Support Professionals will soon be up. I have reached out to the ESP leadership to ask about starting the negotiations process on the contracts. At this time, the district has not received any indication from the ESP leadership that they are prepared to begin negotiations.
3. **Grant Update** – We will be coming to the conclusion of grant related activities at the end of June. We have started our strategic design work. Additionally, we have started to map out the activities that will be completed as part of the grant. I believe the resources provided through the grant have given our district and teams the opportunity to learn more and engage in practices and procedures that will better serve our diverse and dynamic student needs. While the grant funding will come to an end in June, I envision the work we have started around the Portrait of a Graduate, core competencies that are part of the Portrait, and other student-centered practices will live on.
4. **Legislature** – While the legislative session should be drawing to a close, unfortunately, there is not much clarity due to the gridlock in a divided House. There has been some talk about some funding and support for schools on school safety due to the Accession school shooting, however, the legislature cannot find consensus on what that support should be. I remain optimistic that in May I will have some more definitive items to report.
5. **Favorite Educator Banquet** – The Favorite Educator Banquet earlier this month was well attended. I appreciated hearing the stories and reflections from students as they recognized their favorite educator. I want to thank Dawn and Brian Schneider for their efforts and contributions to make this event possible. Additionally, I want to provide a sincere Thank You to all of the teachers for making a positive impact on students.

*“Inspire life-long learners. Build Character. Prepare them for their future.”*

6. **End of Year Activities** – There are a number of events and activities that occur as the school year draws to a close. I would encourage board members to watch for updates and information on the school website.
7. **Teacher Appreciation Week** – The National Teacher Appreciation Week is scheduled for May 4 -8 this year. The National Teacher Day is May 5. As we pause during this first week of May to celebrate and recognized our teachers, it is a great time to thank a teacher for all they do in our school and community. So many of the staff members go above and beyond every day in all they do to support our students. Please join me in thanking the team of teachers for all they do for Pipestone Area Schools.
8. **Vacancies** – While the district has very few vacancies, we have been working hard to fill them as quickly as possible. With the shortage of staff available, we continue to advertise aggressively and work to fill vacancies in a responsible and timely way. I appreciate all that the principals are doing to ensure we recruit and retain the best staff we possibly can.

That is all I have at this time. If there are any questions or additional information you would like, please let me know. Thank you for all you do as a board to serve the students and communities of Pipestone Area Schools.