

# BOARD OF EDUCATION WRAP UP

January 2, 2024

# **Updated Boundary Information**

The completion of South Middle School will necessitate boundary changes for the 2024-2025 school year. These changes will also impact the Stevens and Central boundaries, as South Middle School is considered a feeder school to Central. For updated maps and more information, please use the link below.

#### **CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

The Board of Education will vote on the proposed new boundaries at the meeting on January 16th. If you would like speak during the open forum, please turn in your blue sheet before 5:30 PM. The Board of Education meeting is at the Rapid City Education Center, 625 9th Street, at 5:30 PM in Room 202 or streamed live on YouTube.

## **Farm to School Grant Application**

Each year, \$5 million is provided to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to support grants, technical assistance, and other activities related to USDA's Farm to School Program. The Farm to School Grant contains multiple grant track options (Implementation, State Agency, and Turnkey) to support various projects and implementation stages; award amounts vary by grant track. Turnkey grant awards will range to \$50,000 with no minimum award amount. RCAS Student Nutrition intends to apply for \$50,000 to continue expanding farm-to-school practices (i.e., hydroponic growing systems, access to local produce, etc.). The Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program is designed to increase the availability of local foods in schools and help connect students to their food sources through education, taste tests, school gardens, field trips, and local food sourcing for school meals. RCAS Student Nutrition has begun implementing farm-to-school practices and strives to continue. The Farm to School Grant will support these efforts.

### **Coming Up**

Board of Education Study Session January 9, 2024
Board of Education Meeting January 16, 2024
Community Outreach Committee Forums January 29 and 30, 2024