

KINDLE'S KORNER

by

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Yankton School District

Enrollment

The Yankton School District's enrollment has increased again for the current 2023-2024 school year. This continues to be a good trend for the school district. We are welcoming new families to Yankton, which is great news for our community, workforce and school district.

Year	Enrollment
2013-2014	2682
2014-2015	2685
2015-2016	2709
2016-2017	2717
2017-2018	2723
2018-2019	2775
2019-2020	2769
2020-2021	2808
2021-2022	2821
2022-2023	2862
2023-2024	2907

Renewal of Opt Out

In February 2020, voters in the Yankton School District approved an Opt Out for a maximum annual sum not to exceed \$1.85 million dollars annually for four years payable in 2021. Each year, the exact amount levied is determined by the Yankton School District Board of Education.

The Yankton School Board will consider a Renewal Opt Out resolution at the January 8, 2024 School Board Meeting.

The Renewal of the Opt Out is a continuation of the tax approved by voters in February of 2020. The maximum annual sum not to exceed \$1.85 million dollars for the four years starting payable in 2025. This is the **same amount voters approved.**

The good news is the **tax levy** for this Renewal **will be less** than what it was in 2020-2021 (Payable 2021).

A slide presentation and additional information is available on the Yankton School District website regarding the Renewal of Opt Out and can be found at:

<https://www.ysd.k12.sd.us/>

If your group would like a presentation regarding the Renewal of the Opt Out, please contact my office to arrange a time and date. I would welcome the opportunity to share this information and answer any questions.

Trailhead Learning Center Updates

Construction of the Trailhead Learning Center – “Where the Journey Begins” continues!

Please follow the process along with updated information pertaining to the new Trailhead Learning Center by accessing the following link:

<https://www.ysd.k12.sd.us/page/early-childhood-development-center>

Forward 2029 Strategic Plan Public Meeting

Your feedback is very valuable and we appreciate your contributions, please join us:

YSD Forward 2029 Strategic Plan Community Meeting

Date: November 15

Time: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Location: YHS Theater

Yankton School District Alumni Association

- Official launch of the new website found at:
<https://www.ysd.k12.sd.us/o/alumni>
- We invite all Yankton School District alumni and friends to visit the new website
- User friendly navigation, membership registration, news and updates, events calendar, class reunion information, and the **YHS Yearbook Archive**
- Empower our alumni to stay connected and continue making a positive impact on the YSD
- A part-time Executive Director will be hired

School Board Meetings

Yankton School District Board Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Monday of the month beginning at 5:00 pm. Yankton School Board Meetings are held at the Yankton School District Administration Building in the School Board Meeting Room.

School board meetings are live-streamed, as well as recorded and re-aired on public access channels on our local cable television. The meetings are also archived on the YSD Website <https://www.ysd.k12.sd.us/o/ysd/page/video-archive>

Superintendent Presentations

Thank you for the trust and confidence you have placed in me to lead the Yankton School District. You are welcome contact to me at any time to visit. I would be happy to visit with you personally.

I would also welcome hosting your group at our Administration Building.

If there is a specific topic you would like for me to address in a future Kindle's Korner, please call me at 665-3998 or email me at wayne.kindle@k12.sd.us

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