

Kindle's **Korner**

by

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Opt Out Reduction of \$950,000!

In February of 2020 voters in the Yankton School District approved an Opt Out for a maximum annual sum not to exceed \$1,850,000.

During the Opt Out discussions three years ago a promise was made to reduce the Opt Out amount needed for the General Fund if there was an opportunity to do so at any time.

The Yankton School Board unanimously approved a **\$950,000 dollar reduction** in the Opt Out needed for the 2023-24 General Fund Budget at the September School Board Meeting.

The reduction was due to Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief funds, increased enrollment, budget to actual expenditures and financial stewardship.

The Yankton School District kept their promise to reduce the Opt Out given there was an opportunity to do so for the current budget year. The \$950,000 reduction represents half of the maximum annual sum approved by voters.

We are thankful to our community for their on-going support and trust in the Yankton School District.

Trailhead Learning Center Updates

Progress continues on Trailhead Learning Center – “Where the Journey Begins”! This will be a very special learning center focusing on our youngest learners in the Yankton School District.

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>

Yankton School District Welcome Back To School Newsletter

Our Back To School Newsletter has taken on a new format for the 2023-24 School Year. Please use the following link to access our colored flipbook version:

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/4335dc5968.html>

Congratulations YHS Athletic and Fine Arts Hall of Fame Inductees

The Yankton High School Athletic and Fine Arts Hall of Fame Ceremony will take place on Thursday, September 28 beginning at 5:00 pm in the YHS Commons.

Congratulations to the following Inductees:

Bob Beard - YHS Staff 1995-2016 (Fine Arts)
Justin Frick - Class of 2003 (Athlete)
Jenny Gudahl - Class of 1994 (Athlete)
Derek Hisek - Class of 1999 (Fine Arts)
Ruth Thompson Lemay – Class of 1982 (Fine Arts)
Dan Specht - Class of 1986 (Athlete)
Andrea Walsh - Class of 2006 (Athlete)

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 or speak to your group/organization.

I am also willing to host your group at our Administration Building or one of our school buildings. I would also come to your facility or meeting place.

If there is a specific topic you would like for me to address in the future, 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**