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2023 Workforce Education Grant recipients announced

PIERRE, S.D. – Five South Dakota Workforce Education Grants, totaling \$822,250 have been awarded to South Dakota public school districts. In 2013, the South Dakota Legislature established the Workforce Education Fund. Part of that fund was designated to provide grants for career and technical education (CTE) programs in secondary schools.

“Career and technical education connects students with experiences that prepare them for postsecondary, and ultimately, the workforce. CTE coursework brings relevance to the educational experience, while students gain exposure to potential careers,” said Secretary of Education Joseph Graves. “I applaud these districts for investing in their students’ futures in this manner.”

The purpose of the grant program is to make transformative change in career and technical education programs. High quality CTE programs give students the knowledge, skills, and experiences to be prepared for postsecondary education and the workforce. Partnerships among secondary education, postsecondary education, and business and industry lay the foundation for modern CTE programs.

Recipient	Project	Award amount
Edgemont School District	Purchase heavy equipment simulators for architecture and construction program	\$84,975
Parker School District	Construction of a CTE addition to expand current space	\$225,000
Sioux Falls School District	Equipment to support the animal husbandry and veterinary science technical training program	\$62,275
Wall School District	Construction of a CTE addition to expand current space	\$225,000
Woonsocket School District	Construct an addition for ag, food and natural resources; architecture and construction; and manufacturing	\$225,000