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Governor Promotes School Plan

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In an effort to sell his 2013 budget proposals regarding workforce development and education to the public, Gov. Dennis Daugaard spoke to a Yankton audience Friday afternoon.

The Republican governor entering his second year in office sought to offer details of his plans and answer constituent questions during an appearance at the Best Western Kelly Inn.

While the proposals on both fronts offer new ideas for the state, it was Daugaard's education plan that drew the most interest. He is asking the Legislature to approve a plan that would give middle school and high school math and science teachers an annual \$3,500 bonus, a \$5,000 bonus to teachers

who perform in the top 20 percent and would end the possibility of tenure for new teachers. Yankton educators and at least one school board member were among the more than 50 people on hand to listen and ask questions. Most simply wanted more details about the education program and were not openly critical of it. Armed with a PowerPoint presentation, Daugaard explained how student enrollment declined by almost 50,000 students between 1971 and 2011. At the same time, the number of teachers and other staff employed by schools increased by 869 and 3,569, respectively. Also, spending per student has more than doubled during that period. He declined to cast judgment on the increase in teachers and staff, saying those numbers may well be justified.

However, Daugaard pointed out that during that time, ACT and National Assessment of Educational Progress scores have remained flat. He hopes that by incenting good teaching, South Dakota can begin to see improved performance by students. "Right now, all teachers are paid as if they are average," Daugaard stated. "You can have teachers who entered in the same year with the same academic credentials, and they will be paid the same, even if teacher A is very good and teacher B is average. That's not encouraging to teacher A." Offering merit pay and getting rid of tenure for those entering the profession will target mediocrity,



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Gov. Dennis Daugaard points to an informational graphic on a laptop computer as he explains his educational standards proposal during a stop at the Press & Dakotan office in Yankton Friday afternoon.

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A Sobering Trend

Police Concerned About Jump In Alcohol, Drug Arrests Among Juveniles

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a three-part series looking at the rise of drug and alcohol use among teens in the Yankton area.

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Echoing problems with drug and alcohol use cited by local school officials last month, the Yankton Police Department saw a dramatic rise in arrests for related offenses in 2011. Narcotics arrests of juveniles more than doubled from 37 in 2010 to 79 in 2011. Meanwhile, arrests for minors consuming alcohol were up 51 percent during the same time period from 29 to 44. Other liquor-related arrests tripled from 2 in 2010 to 6 in 2011. It's an issue that has caught the eye of law enforcement, and later this month city, county and state law enforcement officers plan to meet with school officials to discuss possible ways to address it. "We'll meet with the school and talk about what we can do, what they're seeing and how we can help them," Police Chief Brian Paulsen said. "If we're seeing it on the street, and it's not going into the schools, we think we have a firm handle on the problem. But when it's making it into the schools with the volume that it is, we need to look at what we're doing and improve our detection on the streets."

Yankton County Sheriff Jim Vlahakis said his department has not seen a dramatic increase in drug and alcohol arrests among teens outside the City of Yankton. However, Chuck Frieberg, the First Circuit chief court services officer, said his department has been affected by the influx. "My officers have noticed an increase in the number of alcohol and drug clients that have come in through the court system," he said. When it comes to drug use, Paulsen said juveniles are primarily turning to marijuana. That fits with a national trend among teenagers. A recent University of Michigan study found that in 2011 marijuana use among U.S. teens increased for the fourth straight year. Daily marijuana use is now at a 30-year peak level among high school seniors, the study states. However, the report found that alcohol use, including binge drinking, continued to decline and reached historically low levels last year. The use of illicit drugs besides marijuana has remained stable since 2008, ranging from 6 percent of eighth graders to 18 percent of seniors. In 2011, the report found, 50 percent of high school seniors reported having tried an illicit drug (including marijuana) at some time, 40 percent used one or more drugs in the past 12 months, and 25 percent used one or more drugs in the prior 30 days. Paulsen attributes some of the increase in arrests locally to efforts by his department to have more contact with juveniles so police are seen as a resource and not just enforcers of the law.



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Tensions High, U.S. Warns Iran Not To Block Shipping

BY ANNE GEARAN
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WASHINGTON — Tensions rising by the day, the Obama administration said Friday it is warning Iran through public and private channels against any action that threatens the flow of oil from the Persian Gulf. The Navy revealed that two U.S. ships in and near the Gulf were harassed by Iranian speedboats last week. Spokesmen were vague on what the United States would do about Iran's threat to block the strategic Strait of Hormuz, but military officials have been clear that the U.S. is readying for a possible naval clash. That prospect is the latest flashpoint with Iran, and one of the most serious. Although it currently overshadows the threat of war over Iran's disputed nuclear program, perhaps beginning with an Israeli military strike on Iran's nuclear structure, both simmering crises raise the possibility of a

shooting war this year. "We have to make sure we are ready for any situation and have all options on the table," Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said, addressing a soldier's question Thursday about the overall risk of war with Iran. Navy officials said that in separate incidents Jan. 6, three Iranian speedboats — each armed with a mounted gun — briefly chased after a U.S. Navy ship just outside the Gulf near the Strait of Hormuz and a U.S. Coast Guard cutter in the northern Gulf. No shots were fired and the speedboats backed off. For several reasons, the risk of open conflict with Tehran appears higher in this election year than at any point since President Barack Obama took office with a pledge to try to bridge 30 years of enmity. A clash would represent a failure of U.S. policy on several fronts and vault now-dormant national security concerns into the presidential

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Daschle, Daugaard Set To Speak At Janklow Funeral

By The Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — Former U.S. Sen. Tom Daschle and Gov. Dennis Daugaard are set to speak at former Gov. Bill Janklow's funeral in Sioux Falls. Janklow died Thursday at age 72 after a months-long fight with brain cancer. His funeral is set for Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Janklow's son Russ tells The Associated Press that Daschle will give the eulogy, while Daugaard and himself will give separate speeches. Daschle and Janklow were close friends. A reception and private burial will follow the funeral. KELO-TV says it plans to broadcast live inside the church. The Sioux Falls television station is providing pool cameras for coverage after Janklow's family agreed to cameras inside the church. Russ Janklow tells the Associated Press that friends, family and advisors recommended camera ac-



Janklow

cess so more people could take part. Russ says, "There's a lot of little old ladies who loved Dad and can't travel and would like to feel they participated." South Dakota legislative leaders have announced that there will be no session for two days next week to mourn Janklow's death. Janklow's body will lie in state at the Rotunda of the South Dakota Capitol Tuesday morning. His funeral is scheduled for Wednesday in Sioux Falls. House Republican Leader David Lusk of Rapid City says legislative sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday will be cancelled. He says there are no plans to make up the two lost days, so the 35-day session will be shortened to just 33 days.



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