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ping when he tried to escape in April 2011 with Eric Robert, who was serving 80 years in prison for a kidnapping conviction.

Penitentiary guard Ronald Johnson was alone in an area where inmates work on projects such as upholstery and signs when he was attacked with a pipe and killed. Robert then donned Johnson's uniform and tried to move a large box with Berget inside toward the prison gate, but they were caught before getting out. Robert was executed in 2012. A third in-

Robert was executed in 2012. A third inmate, Michael Nordman, was sentenced to life in prison for providing plastic wrap and the pipe used in Johnson's slaying, which happened on his 63rd birthday.

Legal injections have come under scrutiny recently after the process took longer than expected in Ohio and Oklahoma. Sara Rabern, a spokeswoman for the attorney general's office, said those states are not using the single-drug pentobarbital protocol adopted by South Dakota.

Berget would be the 19th person to be executed in South Dakota. The other two men on the state's death row are Charles Russell Rhines and Briley Piper.



don't have our own building right how and the space we have ... we're only able to offer programming in our traditional club for sixth through 12th grade. We don't have a gym, we don't have a kitchen or café area for the kids right now, so to have additional spaces, an art room and academic spaces (are priorities)."

She added the extra space would aid the club's mission.

"Our three priority outcomes are academic success, character in leadership and healthy lifestyles," she said. "It's really important to us to have spaces to do those."

Marc Mooney, president of the Yankton Boys & Girls Club board, said helping kids achieve this will help many sectors of the community.

"If we're able to focus on those three priority outcomes with more kids in our community, it's just going to be a better place for our kids as far as workforce development, economic impact, (and providing) jobs," he said. "When we're recruiting new people into our community, one of the first things they look at is, "Where are my kids going to go after school?' If we can provide that type of programming for them that focuses on those three priority outcomes, I think it's a win-win for our children and our community."

In order to use the grant funds, the project must commence within a year of issuance. From here, the club will need to raise 90 percent of the expected cost of the project. Though rough renderings were presented in order to get the grant, no concrete plans are in place design-wise. The project is expected to cost around \$4 million total. Mills said they are in talks with the Yankton School District for a location for the new facility on YSD property, including potentially on the grounds of Yankton Middle School. The goal is to break ground in August 2015.

Mills said the new facility will help serve youth and parents alike throughout the community.

"There's a need for parents to have a place for their kids after school — most people work until 5 o'clock and school gets out at 3:30 — so for parents to be productive employees, they need to feel control on where their kids are," she said. "That's a workforce development issue for Yankton and potential workers coming to town. But I think the biggest impact everyone sees is for kids to have a positive, productive place so they have a safe place to come after school, but they also have a place helping them with their homework and teaching character and leadership skills."

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a cosponsor of the legislation, which was introduced by Sen. Ernie Otten, R-Tea.

Jensen and other opponents of Common Core said Monday the proposed standards for science and social studies are linked to such multi-state efforts.

Their comments included references such as "communist," "evolution," "leftist," "climate change" and "environmentalism."

State board president Don Kirkegaard, who is superintendent for the Meade County school district at Sturgis, said the hearing process won't be completed until May at the earliest.

Kirkegaard said there is time for the Legislature to discuss standards during the 2015 session and for state Attorney General Marty Jackley to provide his legal opinion.

State law requires the department secretary to submit to the state board a standards revision cycle and content standards for kindergarten through grade 12.

The board adopted an updated schedule Monday for reviewing and revising the 28 different sets of standards.

The cycle used for the department calls for revisions of most subject areas every seven years. Career and technical education standards are to be revised every five years.

