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Grant Provides Funding to Purchase Updated Technology for Black Hills Academy

Black Hills Special Services Cooperative (BHSSC) was awarded a grant from TC Energy to purchase updated computer equipment for the students and staff of Black Hills Academy at Canyon Hills Center in Spearfish, SD. Much of the technology that will be replaced is five to ten years old. In “technology years,” this equipment is antiquated.

BHSSC provides the educational program for Canyon Hills Center (CHC), a Lutheran Social Services (LSS) program. Black Hills Academy is a specialized educational program designed to meet the individual needs of the students served. Students attend school 205 days a year. Black Hills Academy students range in age from 10 to 17 and have been out of school for extended periods of time; have been in several placements; and/or have been enrolled in school but have not experienced success and are not at grade level.

Gloria Pluimer, Director of the BHSSC Division that administers this program, states, “Throughout my career, I have seen programs serving at-risk populations often receive second-hand educational equipment, materials, and supplies. This grant from TC Energy to purchase updated technology equipment will not only enhance the educational opportunities for everyone involved—staff and students—but it also sends the message that they are valued and appreciated! We owe our sincere appreciation to Trevor Jones, Government and Community Relations Advisor for TC Energy, for his support and encouragement to apply for this grant. Trevor was instrumental in securing this funding!”