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## MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** May 20, 2021  
**To:** Deadwood City Commission  
**From:** Kevin Kuchenbecker, Historic Preservation Officer  
**Re:** Creation and Installation of Plaza and Flag Pole Deadwood Elementary

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The Deadwood School District was founded in 1886 with the first high school graduation held the same year. The Lead School District was founded in 1895. These two school districts continued to operate separately for several decades until the Lead and Deadwood school systems were combined to form the Lead-Deadwood School District in 1971.

2021 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> year since the Lead and Deadwood schools were combined. In an effort to commemorate this collaboration of schools, the Lead-Deadwood Community Foundation in conjunction with the Lead-Deadwood School District are desiring to create of a small plaza with the installation of a flag pole and interpretive sign to be installed in the area of the cannon.

The Historic Preservation Commission review this request at their May 26, 2021 meeting and are recommending the Deadwood City Commission support the project with financial assistance in the amount of \$10,000 to be paid out of the Public Education line item.

**Recommend Motion:** *Move to support the Lead-Deadwood Community Foundation's project to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the combining of the school districts of Lead and Deadwood with the installation and dedication of a new the flag pole, interpretive sign and plaza area for the flag in the amount of \$10,000 to be paid out of the Public Education line item.*