

**(S.D.)- SD High School Graduates Expected To Increase**

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**BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP)** - A new report expects South Dakota to buck the trend of a nationwide decline in high school graduates.

The study by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education was presented to the South Dakota Board of Regents this week. It says that South Dakota is expected to show a significant increase in graduates over the next decade and beyond.

The state is expected to expand its number of total high school graduates by 14.4 percent during the next 15 years. A peak of 10,300 graduates is projected for the 2024-25 academic year.

Regents executive director Jack Warner says that's good news, as the state has experienced a relatively steady decline of high school graduates since the 1990s.