



**Left:** National Merit scholars and their school leaders included, from left, Lewis-Palmer High School Principal Sandi Brandl, National Achievement Finalist J.P. Corr (Lewis-Palmer High School), National Merit Finalist McKenzie Brummond (Palmer Ridge), National Merit Finalist Kathryn Patrick (Palmer Ridge), National Achievement Finalist Tayanna Todd (Palmer Ridge) and Palmer Ridge Dean of Students Tony Karr. National Merit Finalist Greta Klaassen was unable to attend. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

tion is inadequate in parts of the district.

Vertucci recommended the purchase of an additional 114 radios and three repeaters to be located at Prairie Winds Elementary, Bear Creek Elementary, and Lewis-Palmer High School. (Existing repeaters are at Palmer Ridge and Kilmer Elementary.)

At this time, custodians, teachers, and kitchen personnel do not have access to radios, and they could be crucial in the event of a lockdown or other emergency, she said. Bus drivers have radios. The vendor for the radios and the school resource officer would provide training in the use of the equipment.

Vertucci said that the district's administrative council and the Safety and Security Task Force advocate the purchase. The board approved the use of \$69,612 for the purchase of radios and repeaters. Wangeman said that the funds would be provided by the state since the district no longer pays the

salary of the school resource officer.

#### 2014-15

#### preliminary budget

Wangeman provided information on recommended expendi-

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