

### **Current schools covered by 19 miles to calculate weighting factor as two separate plants**

- North Border
- TGU
- Lewis and Clark
- Midkota
- Dakota Prairie

### **14 mile distance school added**

- Hope Page
  - Did not receive consolidation incentive funds.
  - Hit hard by transition minimum and weighting factor calculated as one plant.

### **Additional districts operating multiple plants.**

- Litchville-Marion (this is last year with two plants)
- Billings County (not dependent on state funding)
- Bowman County (Rhame) combined multiplier has little impact. (16 miles)
- Valley-Edinburg (three plants) K-3, 4-6, 7-12
- Solen/Cannonball 12 miles
- Richardton/Taylor 7 miles
- Pingree/Buchanan 10.7 miles
- Des Lacs/Burlington 7.7 miles

### **Districts that support a Colony Schools (Colony builds and own the plant)**

- Edgeley
- Ellendale
- Enderlin
- Hillsboro
- LaMoure
- Maple Valley
- Milnor

### **Reasons for Study**

~82 transition minimum schools, but not all are equal.

- Some are doing well.
- Some are about the same.
- ~20 hit very hard

We have seen legislation meant to encourage consolidation or sharing of services. Not always beneficial under current formula.

Some schools would be better off if they operated two separate plants based on weighting factor, Hope/Page.

Consolidation at this time especially if a new plant is needed may not be the best scenario given construction costs.

### **Recommendation**

Support this bill and propose a study.