

March 7, 2023

Senator Ronald Sorvaag
Chairman - Senate Appropriation Education and Environment Division

Re: North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS) – funding requests

Senator Sorvaag,

Pursuant to your request, following are the financial requests made during my testimony yesterday to the Senate Education and Environment Division:

- To help us with some of our imminent deferred maintenance needs, **we request \$2,000,000 (\$1M/year) specifically targeted for deferred maintenance** (in addition to Tiered funding).
 - As explained, we have nearly \$6M in deferred maintenance issues over the next couple of years (that we know about). \$2M will not solve all of our deferred maintenance issues, but it will allow us to move forward with many of the projects.
- Our capital project request is for **\$19,975,000 for the expansion of our Precision Ag and John Deere Tech. programs.**
 - Both Ag and the John Deere Tech. programs are two of our highest enrolled programs and offer continued opportunity for growth.
- Request that **all CTE credits be moved to a 5x multiplier. Add both Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting to the CTE category.** This was included in the House recommendations.
- Request that the **'Minimum Amount Payable' move to 98%.** The House approved the 'Minimum Amount Payable' at 96%. The NDUS office has proposed that we move this to 98%. This would be very helpful to NDSCS.
- Request that the **'Innovation Grant' dollars be moved to the original amount requested by Rep. Cindy Schreiber-Beck (\$24,000,000).** Also request that language be added that will articulate very clearly how the money will be distributed.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of these requests.

Regards,



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