



# LEGISLATIVE BUDGET PRIORITIES

Priorities	House Amended	Senate Request
<p><b>CTE Credits</b> Request that all CTE credits be moved to a 5x multiplier. House Amended bill added Dental Hygiene to the list of CTE credits.</p>	\$2,765,148	Request that Dental Assisting is added to this list of CTE credits. \$231,286
<p><b>Precision Ag Capital Project Request</b> Our capital project request is for \$19,975,000 for the expansion of our Precision Ag and John Deere Tech programs. Both programs are two of our highest enrolled programs and offer continued opportunity for growth.</p>	\$19,975,000	\$18,975,000 (NDSCS to raise \$1,000,000)
<p><b>Deferred Maintenance</b> To help us with our deferred maintenance needs, we request \$2,000,000 (\$1,000,000/year) specifically targeted for deferred maintenance (in addition to Tiered funding).  We have nearly \$6,000,000 in deferred maintenance issues over the next couple of years (that we know about). \$2,000,000 will not solve all of our deferred maintenance issues, but it will allow us to move forward with many of the projects.</p>	Tiered funding (1:1 match) is helpful; however, it does not help us if we cannot make the match.	\$2,000,000
<p><b>Innovation Grant (HB1241)</b> Request that the 'Innovation Grant' dollars be moved to the original amount requested by Rep. Cindy Schreiber-Beck (\$24,000,000). Also request that <b>language be added that will articulate very clearly how the money will be distributed.</b></p>	\$10,000,000 System wide	Restore bill to \$24,000,000

Additional Initiatives Supported	Explanation
<p><b>Minimum Amount Payable</b> 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.</p>	<p>At 96%, it does not help NDSCS, assuming that the CTE credits are moved to a 5x multiplier.  Support SBHE proposal to go to 98% – this would mean an additional \$291,051 for NDSCS (assuming Dental Assisting is added to CTE credits).</p>
<p><b>7.5% Inflationary Increase Adjustment</b></p>	<p>We support an operating increase adjustment of 7.5% from General Funds.</p>
<p><b>Salary Increase 6%/4%</b></p>	<p>We support the initiative to provide a fully funded 6% and 4% salary increase for all employees, including the tuition share.</p>