



**REQUEST TO EMERGENCY COMMISSION**  
 SECRETARY OF STATE  
 (See SFN 02580)

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**Requestor Information**  
 Department name: Department of Public Instruction  
 Department number: 201  
 Name of contact person: Jamie Mertz  
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**Purpose of Request**  
 Is this request related to a state emergency? No  
 Purpose of request: Intra-agency line item transfer

From Line Item	To Line Item	Amount
Integrated formula payments	Grants - program and passthrough	\$500,000

**Background Information**  
 Was any portion of the request presented during the previous legislative session? Yes  
 Provide explanation:  
 This request is for the Leveraging the Senior Year program which was included in our appropriation request. In past bienniums, we were allowed to carry forward unused funds into the next biennium. However, this was overlooked during the 67th Legislative Assembly session.

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Is the request for a new program? No  
 Does the request require an FTE increase? No  
 Does the request conform with legislative intent? Yes  
 Provide explanation:  
 The legislative priority was established during the 2015-17 biennium through SB 2031-Section 32. Since then, the NDDPI has helped reimburse the costs of student Advanced Placement (AP) exams and the costs of training teachers to teach AP courses. Through each biennium, the legislature has supported this programming financially and the NDDPI has reported progress on student access, participation, and costs. Most recently, designated funds were provided through HB 1013-Section 9.

**Other Information**  
 Statutory provisions that relate to this request:  
 See above response.

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Provide an explanation as to how the request supports state priorities, improves state efficiencies, and promotes effective state government:  
 This program is often referred to as "Leveraging the Senior Year," which is a two-pronged approach to ensure all students grow academically during and up to their senior year of high school through the Advanced Placement (AP) and College Ready English And Math (CREAM) programs. Each of these programs saved students time and costs during their college years. Each of these metrics are included in the state's Choice Ready framework and provides North Dakota students with course access, educational support, and opportunities for high school coursework to count towards college time and credit. Based on 2020-2021 student AP data, 2,445 North Dakota students scored a 3 or higher on their AP exams. This program invested \$215,160.00 in AP Exam reimbursements for these tests. This resulted in college tuition savings for the students and their families in the amount of \$2,171,160.00 during the 2021-2022 school year. This amount was calculated on the average college tuition credit rate of \$296 per *College Credit*.

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Provide any other relevant information:



Signature

I, the undersigned, have read this Request, know the contents, and believe the statements contained within to be true.

*Jamie Mertz*

*08/29/2022*

Sign Here

Date