



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

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Request #: 2164

Requestor Information

Department name: Department of Public Instruction
 Department number: 201
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Purpose of Request

Is this request related to a state emergency? No
 Purpose of request: Increase in line item spending authority

Line Item	Amount
20130	\$500,000

Funding Information

What is the source of funds for the requested increase? Other
 Source: Special funds collected from school districts
 Is the funding source a pass-through from another agency? No
 Does the request require a general fund match in this bienium? No
 Will the request require general fund support in the next biennium? No

Background Information

Was any portion of the request presented during the previous legislative session? Yes
 Provide explanation:
 Yes, this program has been in our appropriation for the past three biennia and has increased in popularity with the school districts. These are pass-through funds because the food processors bill us and the school districts reimburse us for their portion.

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 Legislature expects agencies to continually seek cost savings for the tax-paying public. This program allows the Department of Public Instruction to negotiate a single statewide food-processing contract that districts can choose to participate in. By leveraging bulk purchasing, participating districts receive a lower cost than they would if each negotiated its own contract separately.

Other Information

Statutory provisions that relate to this request:
 7CFR 250.30-250.39



Provide an explanation as to how the request supports state priorities, improves state efficiencies, and promotes effective state government:

The request will promote state priorities by allowing the NDDPI Child Nutrition and Food Distribution Office to continue supporting schools in providing healthy meals to students through cost-effective methods. The additional spending authority will allow the state to continue to offer value-added USDA products to schools for their meal programs, reducing costs for participating districts.

The request improves the program's efficiencies by allowing NDDPI to continue purchasing value added USDA Foods under vendor contracts, utilize USDA bulk food pounds already purchased for FY 2027, and minimize potential supply chain issues by ensuring these products remain readily available to schools.

The request will promote effective state government by ensuring NDDPI will continue assisting schools in the operation of their food service programs

Provide any other relevant information:

N/A

Signature

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

Lynelle Johnson

Sign Here

04/20/2026

Date