



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

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Request #: 2167

Requestor Information
 Department name: North Dakota 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: Intra-agency line item transfer

From Line Item	To Line Item	Amount
20160 Integrated Formula Payments	20165 Grants-Program Grants	\$3,100,000

Background Information
 Was any portion of the request presented during the previous legislative session? No
 Is the request for a new program? Yes
 Provide explanation:
 This is a one time request to provide grants to school districts to offset costs related to the BRIDGE project.

Will funding be required in future bienniums? No
 Does the request require an FTE increase? No
 Does the request conform with legislative intent? Yes
 Provide explanation:
 The legislature has supported the implementation of the new Student Information System by providing funding for the transition from Power School to Infinite Campus.

Other Information
 Statutory provisions that relate to this request:
 N.D.C.C. § 15.1-07-33 requires each school district to use the Student Information System administered by NDDPI as its primary information system.

Provide an explanation as to how the request supports state priorities, improves state efficiencies, and promotes effective state government:
 The implementation of the new system will provide greater efficiencies and data standardization with the gathering of student information.

Provide any other relevant information:
 Due to poor performance by the initial vendor procured for data extraction, the project has experienced a compressed time frame of getting extraction files for school districts to use. This has resulted in additional costs to districts which would be assisted by these grants. A formula of \$1,000 per district plus \$25 per student using 2025-2026 average daily membership would be used to allocate the funding. These funds would be used to offset costs associated with data standardization, initial SIS training, and additional workload demands stemming from the compressed implementation timeline forced upon schools due to the failures of NDDPI's original data migration vendor.

Signature

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



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Date