

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

**DATE: JANAURY 26, 2026**

**TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**FROM: COLLEEN CARDENUTO, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND ADMIN  
SERVICES**

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT**

**COMMENTS:**

Title of Grant: No Child Left Inside

Type of Grant: Minnesota DNR

Grant Preparer: Erica Hubert

Amount of Grant: \$5,000

Purpose: The funds of this grant will be used to provide three outdoor field trips for Lumberjack High School junior and seniors. The field trips are; one to the Soudan Underground Mine Lake Vermillion State Park and the International Wolf Center in Ely, MN, one ice-fishing on Lower Red Lake; and one fishing and canoeing at Big Bog State Park. These field trips provide two purposes: 1) they provide our at risk students access to northern Minnesota educational and recreational activities they wouldn't normally have, and 2) they enrich our school culture, strengthening students' connections to each other and the school.

District Responsibility: Fiscal host and provide substitute teachers for 1-2 teachers.