

Approval to Apply for Grant

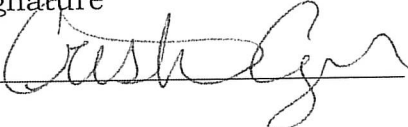
A copy of all grant applications must be submitted to the Curriculum Office.

1. Obtain your principal's signature on this document.
 - a. **Prior to submitting your request**, send original and completed grant application to Curriculum Office at the Administration Building.
 - b. **Include signed/approved** copy along with original grant application to the funding source.
2. Once Assistant Superintendents review the grant and sign this form, a copy of the signature page will be returned to the building principal.
3. In order to accept a successful grant of \$2500 or more, Board approval is required.

Project Title: Senior High Food Pantry

Funding Source: Gettsch Charitable Trust

Name(s) of Grant Writer(s):

Name	Signature	Email
<u>Cristin Gerwonka</u>		<u>cgerwonka@dce.k12.wi.us</u>

Amount Requested: \$ 0000 Total Project Cost: \$ Ongoing

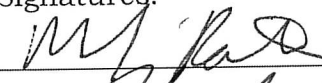
Targeted Age Group/Grade: 10-12 School: D.C. Everest Senior High

Date of Request: 12/4/24

Signatures:

Principal Approval:

Yes No



Assist. Superintendent of Learning: Yes No




Assist. Supt. of Business/Personnel: Yes No



All grants having a **value of more than \$2,500** shall be accepted by the Board. The Superintendent may accept gifts of lesser value for the Board.

Superintendent Approval:

Yes No



School Board Clerk:

Yes No

The D.C. Everest Area School District Federal Tax Number is 39-6007952.

Approved 2/7/2022

Each year, D.C. Everest Senior High School serves approximately 1300 students in the district. Of that number, 34% have been identified as economically disadvantaged. The 34% does not necessarily include the families that encounter unexpected hardships throughout the year. As a school, we have been committed to serving students and families in all of their challenges, not just in their educational endeavors.

Without a predictable and stable access to food, clothing, and shelter, we know that students will struggle to succeed to the best of their ability. At D.C. Everest we try to use our resources to help feed our students and their families. On a day-to-day basis, students have access to a food pantry that is available at all times of day. They can grab food that they need for lunch at school, a snack between classes, or they can take a bag and fill it for their needs at home and to support their families. Staff members can work to gather items for families who they have relationships with. This food may be delivered or for a dignified pickup can be arranged that does not require parents to try and access resources in the community that have limited hours and limited giving. We understand that the trust that we build with students spans beyond just the classroom and food can be a bridge to relationships within homes.

Another way the food pantry is used throughout the year is through meal deliveries around seasonal breaks from school. Knowing that 34% of our student body struggles economically and relies on assistance through free and reduced meals at school, it is important that while students are away from school they still have a way to eat. Historically we have provided meal and food deliveries for Thanksgiving and Christmas. This year we are hoping to help balance the times of year that families may be in need of that extra nutritional giving by giving one food delivery around the winter break and giving another food delivery for spring break. We have chosen to expand into spring break because it is a time of year that families are often less supported by outside help and yet still need to support extra meals that a child would normally get at school.

What we are asking of the Getsch Charitable Trust is for their continued support and partnership to provide food for the students in need at D.C. Everest School District. We are asking for \$8000 that would primarily be used to fund the groceries and supplies needed for the spring break meal delivery. With the cost of food having increased over the last year, we are hoping to provide a similar amount of food as in previous years knowing it will come at an additional cost.

Thank you so much for your consideration and if you have any questions, please contact Cristin Czerwonka, School Social Worker, by phone at 715-359-6561 extension 4200 or by email at cczerwonka@dce.k12.wi.us. Again, thank you for your partnership.