

BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

**DATE:** MARCH 21, 2016  
**TO:** BOARD OF EDUCATION  
**FROM:** KATHY PALM, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & ADMIN. SERVICES  
**SUBJECT:** REQUEST TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION

**COMMENTS:**

Type of Grant:	State Association
Title of Grant:	Maker Spaces
Granter:	Education Minnesota
Grant Preparer:	Stephen Pflieger, Bemidji Middle School Media Specialist
Amount of Grant:	\$3,000
District Responsibility:	Serve as fiscal agent
Purpose:	Bemidji Middle School is interested in developing a Maker Space in the Media Center. A Maker Space is a space where students can gather to create, invent, and learn using 3D printers, software, crafts, and hardware supplies and tools. We are interested in purchasing either BB8 Star Wars robot or Sphero robot for students to use. We are going to apply of the Education Minnesota grant for up to \$3,000 for supplies and implement Maker Spaces. We are planning to have the Maker Space open two days a month in the morning before school.