

BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2017
TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: KATHY PALM, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & ADMIN. SERVICES
SUBJECT: REQUEST TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION

COMMENTS:

Type of Grant:	State
Title of Grant:	Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant Program
Granter:	Minnesota Department of Education
Grant Preparer:	Ami Aalgaard, Horace May Elementary Principal Ranae Seykora, Bemidji High School Assistant Principal
Amount of Grant:	\$49,917.86
District Responsibility:	Serve as fiscal agent
Purpose:	The purpose of the grant request is to enhance technology for Horace May and Bemidji High School and provide opportunities for students to collaborate across grade levels. 5th grade students will partner with the high school robotics class/club to use Sphero+ robots and demonstrate their activity and creations with parents and the community. Horace May will purchase 3D printers for students to explore, design and learn STEM concepts. Some of the funds would be used to purchase two Chromebook Carts with 84 computers for the English Department students to use at the high school. The Google Suite would be utilized for students to read, write, edit and respond to peers' work. Currently there is one computer lab dedicated to the English department with 32 computers, but during any given period during the day there are 210-245 students in an English course. Computers are more limited during testing windows as well. The Chromebooks will provide more flexibility for testing, and allow more students access to google for research and writing assignments.