

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2025

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT

COMMENTS:

Title of Grant: Arts Access Grant

Type of Grant: Region 2 Arts Council

Grant Preparer: Erica Hubert

Amount of Grant: \$6,000

Purpose: The funds of this grant will be used to fund an interdisciplinary field trip for Lumberjack High School Juniors and Seniors with an emphasis in art. Activities include a tour of the Duluth Art Institute's "We Hold These Truths" exhibit, which highlights how art has reflected American culture over the last 250 years; the Great Lakes Aquarium, where students will learn about ecosystems of the region as well as enjoy a regional art exhibit; and the Maritime Museum, which is highlighting the 50th anniversary of the Edmund Fitzgerald, as well as offering instruction on agates. This grant will cover the costs of three aspects of the trip: 1) transportation to Duluth and back through Bemidji Bus Lines, 2) admission to the Great Lakes Aquarium, and 3) an evening meal at Grandma's Saloon and Grill.

District Responsibility: The District would need to initially pay for these items, which would be reimbursed by the grant. Every cost associated with this field trip should be covered by the potential grant.