

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

DATE : JULY 21, 2025

TO : BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM : JORDAN HICKMAN, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

SUBJECT : REQUEST FOR LICENSED STAFF

COMMENTS:

Bemidji Area Schools has been awarded a Native Language Revitalization Grant from the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). Implementation of the grant would involve hiring two full time teachers of Ojibwe Language to expand Ojibwe language instruction for students at Lincoln Elementary, JW Smith Elementary and Gene Dillon Elementary. Therefore, an additional 2.0 FTE Ojibwe Language teachers are needed.

The positions will be fully funded by the Native Language Revitalization Grant.

ACTION:

The motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried () to add 2.0 FTE Ojibwe Language teachers beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.