

**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: Inchy's Bookworm Vending Machine

Type of Grant: Beltrami Electric Operation Round Up

Grant Preparer: Nancy Neis

Amount of Grant: \$6,500

Purpose: The purpose of this grant is to purchase a book machine to reinforce positive behavior, attendance and academic success. Students will earn tokens to pick a book of their choice out of the machine. Books will be theirs and they will take it home.

District Responsibility: Fiscal agent for the grant funds. JW Smith Title I staff will stock and change out books by season to generate excitement, the books will be appropriate for preK-3rd Grade at various reading levels. Title I staff will also look for funding to purchase additional books.