

BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

**DATE:** JULY 18, 2016  
**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: Voluntary Pre-K

Granter: Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)

Grant Preparer: Sandy Eberhart, Community Education Coordinator  
Janelle Saiger, Early Childhood Lead Teacher

Amount of Grant: Up to approximately \$650,000 per year for 3 years

District Responsibility: Serve as fiscal agent

Purpose: The money will be used to fund four year old school readiness classes for district children so that families will not have to pay tuition. This will support current programming and allow us to expand opportunities for children.