

BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

DATE: APRIL 20, 2015
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: Minnesota Youth at Work Competitive Grant

Granter: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) - Office of Youth Development

Grant Preparer: John McRae, Bemidji Community Education

Amount of Grant: Up to \$275,000

District Responsibility: Serve as fiscal agent

Purpose: This grant targets youth who are under-represented in the workforce, youth who are economically disadvantaged and/or have at least one at-risk characteristic. The purpose of this grant is to:

1. Provide summer and/or year-round work experience and introduction to career pathways for economically disadvantaged or at-risk youth; and
2. Increase the exposure to in-demand jobs important to regional economies; and
3. Introduce and promote career pathways and skill acquisition (academic and work readiness) through project-based instruction; and
4. Promote mastery of work readiness competencies and 21st Century skills, as demonstrated through workplace portfolios and other assessments; and
5. Provide high-quality worksites and overall participant and employer satisfaction.