

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

**DATE:           JANUARY 24, 2022**

**TO:             BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**FROM:         COLLEEN CARDENUTO, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM &  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**SUBJECT:   REQUEST TO ACCEPT A GRANT APPLICATION**

**COMMENTS:**

Type of Grant:                   Foundation

Title of Grant:                  George W. Neilson Foundation

Grant Preparer:                Brian Stefanich – Bemidji Career Academy Director

Amount of Grant:               \$60,000 over 3 years – July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

District Responsibility:        Serve as fiscal agent

Purpose:           I wrote a grant to the George W. Neilson Foundation to request dollars to continue funding our Bemidji Career Academy counselor position. This proposal request is to continue our current career academy staffing except the George W. Neilson Foundation Board requests to partially fund a Bemidji Career Academy counselor position instead of a BHS freshman counselor. This would allow our career academy counselor too focus her time with the Bemidji Career Academies students and program instead of being on the BHS counseling team sharing numerous additional assigned duties.