

Recommendation for Approval

The Smart Choices Student Wellness Committee has been awarded a SHIP* Grant from Dakota County that will allow us to purchase a curriculum and mobile sensory cart at Kennedy Elementary School. This will provide teachers and service providers with equipment and education materials to help students regulate their emotional and sensory needs, calm their bodies, and learn appropriate social emotional and self-regulation skills. In order to process the funding for this grant valued at \$6,199.00, Hastings ISD #200 needs to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County. This Joint Powers Agreement is being presented to the Hastings School Board at the January 22, 2025 meeting.

The Smart Choices Committee is in favor of the Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County being approved by the Hastings School Board.

Mary Ellen Fox, RN, Licensed School Nurse, Co-chair
Smart Choices Student Wellness Committee
January 7, 2025



Smart Choices Committee 2024-2025	
Smart Choices Committee	Building and Role
Emily Lubich	Nurse, McAuliffe Elementary
Brittney Hirschauer	Director of Food & Nutrition Service, co-chair
Mary Ellen Fox	Health Services Supervisor, Tilden, co-chair
Molly Cirillo	District Family Resource Coordinator, HMS
Michaela Burr	School Social Worker, Pinecrest
Sara Stenger	School Social Worker, HHS
Katie Skramstad	School Psychologist, Kennedy
Anna Kuczarskyj	Dakota County School Wellness Consultant
Kassy Podvin	Health Promotion Specialist, Dakota County

SHIP* Grant - Statewide Health Improvement Program

Previous ISD #200 SHIP Grants include but not limited to:

2023-2024 Sensory Room/Cart at Pinecrest

2021-2023 Move Mindfully Training for staff (primarily Elementary)

Summer 2018 Hydration Station @ McAuliffe Elementary

2016-2017 Active Recess Training - Elementary; Active Classroom Training Elementary & HMS

2015-2016 Hydration Station Installation @ HMS and HHS