

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

DATE: JULY 20, 2026

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

**FROM: COLLEEN CARDENUTO, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND ADMIN
SERVICES**

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO SUBMIT GRANT

COMMENTS:

Title of Grant: Minnesota Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MnMTSS)

Organization of Grant: Minnesota Department of Education

Grant Preparer: Colleen Cardenuto

Amount of Grant: \$250,000.00

Purpose: The Minnesota Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MnMTSS) is a systemic, continuous improvement framework for ensuring positive social, emotional, behavioral, developmental, and academic outcomes for every student. MnMTSS provides access to layered tiers of culturally and linguistically responsive, evidence-based practices. The MnMTSS framework relies on the understanding and belief that every student can learn and thrive, and it engages an anti-bias and socially-just approach to examining policies and practices and ensuring equitable distribution of resources and opportunity.

District Responsibility: Financial Reporting Forms summarizing grant expenditures to date shall be submitted in the form and manner prescribed by MDE on predetermined dates.