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**REQUEST TO EMERGENCY COMMISSION**  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
(See SFN 02580)

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Requestor Information

Department name: Department of Public Instruction  
Department number: 201  
Name of contact person: Linda Schloer  
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Purpose of Request

Is this request related to a state emergency? No  
Purpose of request: Increase in line item spending authority

Line Item	Amount
20130	\$1,000,000

Funding Information

What is the source of funds for the requested increase? Other  
Source: Special funds collected from school districts  
Is the funding source a pass-through from another agency? No  
Does the request require a general fund match in this bienium? No  
Will the request require general fund support in the next biennium? No

Background Information

Was any portion of the request presented during the previous legislative session? Yes  
Provide explanation:  
Yes, this program has been in our appropriation for the past two biennium and has increased in popularity with the school districts. These are special funds in that we are billed by the food processor and the school districts reimburse us for their portion.

Is the request for a new program? No  
Does the request require an FTE increase? No  
Does the request conform with legislative intent? Yes  
Provide explanation:  
The legislature rightly expects agencies to continuously look for cost savings for the tax-paying public. This program allows the Department of Public Instruction to negotiate a single statewide food processing contract in that districts can participate. Because of this bulk discount, districts receive a lower cost than if they had negotiated a contract separately

Other Information

Statutory provisions that relate to this request:  
7 CFR 250.30-250.39



Provide an explanation as to how the request supports state priorities, improves state efficiencies, and promotes effective state government:

- The request will promote state priorities in that the NDDPI Child Nutrition and Food Distribution office can continue to support schools in providing healthy meals to students through cost-effective methods. The additional spending authority will allow the state to continue to offer value-added USDA products to schools for their meal programs which will decrease costs for schools.
- The request improves the program's efficiencies in that NDDPI will continue to purchase value-added USDA foods under contract with vendors, draw down on USDA bulk food pounds already purchased for FY 2023 and avoid supply chain issues by having these value-added USDA products available to schools.
- The request will promote effective state government in that NDDPI will continue to support schools in their food service programs.

Provide any other relevant information:

Signature

I, the undersigned, have read this Request, know the contents, and believe the statements contained within to be true.

*Jamie Mertz*

Sign Here

*11/14/2022*

Date