



**TO:** NCS D Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Mr. Michael Jennings, Superintendent

**DATE:** October 9, 2023

**RE:** Grants/Donations/Gifts

**RECOMMENDATION:** I recommend the Board of Trustees accept the following grants, donations or gifts:

1. Lisa Shadrick from Dean Morgan Middle School has been awarded a \$25,000 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Cutting Edge Grant from the Wyoming Department of Education. The funds will be used to start an eSports after school program and will include a tournament team at DMMS. The anticipated benefits of the program include improved attendance and grades, increased student engagement, and meaningful personal learning. This is a fun way to engage students with a STEM career pathway and career readiness through gaming. The grant will be under the direction of Lisa Shadrick, Vocational Education Teacher and Clay Cates, Principal.
2. Wendy Pollock, CTE/Agriculture teacher at Pathways Innovation Center, has been awarded a Perkins professional development grant in the amount of up to \$2,500 from the Wyoming Department of Education to attend the FFA National Convention for 2023. This grant will cover the cost of travel and conference expenses.

Congratulations Lisa!

The evaluation of the 2023-24 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Cutting Edge Grant applications have been completed. You have been awarded the amount of \$25,000.00 for your Esports After School Program.

These funds cannot be used for any items not listed in the grant application unless you have received prior approval by the WDE CTE team. The grant may not be used to purchase food, beverages or any other unallowable use of funds under the Carl D. Perkins Act of 2006. This grant cannot be used for salary and benefits or professional development unless it is directly related to the equipment being purchased. All projects made with the materials and supplies purchased with this grant money MUST remain property of the school district including individual student projects.

Your school district will be receiving a Grant Agreement for the Superintendent's signature upon receipt of the Attorney General's approval. Please remember that the school district is entering into this agreement with WDE therefore, the Superintendent is the signer on the agreement. The signing process is electronic and will be delivered by Dropbox. An email explanation of the signing process will be forwarded upon the Attorney General's office approval of the agreement.

**WDE cannot reimburse any expenses obligated prior to the date of the final signature on the Grant Agreement. I will send the completed grant agreement when all signatures are affixed and then you may make purchases.**

Remember, you will be responsible for disseminating information from this grant opportunity to your peers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The WDE CTE team would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the important work you are doing. We know that you will be successful in implementing this Cutting Edge grant to benefit CTE students in Wyoming!

Thank you,  
April

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