

STATE EDUCATION BOARD APPROVES GRANTS FOR SCHOOL CAFETERIA EQUIPMENT

The State Board of Education recently approved \$532,209 in federal stimulus grants for school cafeteria equipment in 79 schools. Those 79 school buildings are located in 50 Nebraska school districts.

In all, the Nebraska Department of Education received requests from 145 school districts for cafeteria equipment in 248 school buildings at a total cost of more than \$3 million. The available federal stimulus dollars provided funds for about a third of the requests.

“The applications for these funds were of high quality and showed a significant need for school cafeteria equipment in school buildings across the state,” said Bev Benes, director for Nutrition Services.

Here is the list of cafeteria equipment schools will purchase under the federal stimulus grants:

Total Equipment Awarded	Total Awarded (99)
Point of Service equipment	19
Steamer/Holding cabinet	19
Dishwasher	14
Convection oven	12
Refrigerator	8
Freezer	6
Heated mobile carts	6
Food Bar (hot or cold)	4
Milk Cooler	4
Mixer	2
Range (Gas or electric)	2
Cold Cart	1
Electric kettle	1
Ice Machine	1

The list of school districts receiving grants is available on the Nebraska Department of Education, School Nutrition Services’ web site, at <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ns/nslp/ARRA/ARRA.htm>.