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MDE, DAIRY GROUP AWARD ALMOST \$1 MILLION IN SCHOOL NUTRITION EQUIPMENT GRANTS TO 45 SCHOOLS

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LANSING – Students at 45 schools statewide are eating healthier thanks to almost \$1 million for food-service upgrades, according to a joint announcement today by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and United Dairy Industry of Michigan (UDIM).

The MDE awarded \$639,000 in U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance (NSLP) grant funds to the 45 schools in 18 districts, while the UDIM added \$250,000 for a total of nearly \$990,000.

The districts are using the funds to improve school meals through upgrades to their kitchen equipment and infrastructures.

“More than 20,000 students at these schools are, or will be, benefiting from more nutritional foods because of this funding,” State Superintendent Brian Whiston said. “I’m so glad to see partnerships like this because they’re able to pool resources and expand their reach to help more of Michigan’s kids.”

In February, the USDA and National Dairy Council (NDC) announced the availability of \$35 million in federal and private grants to help schools upgrade their kitchen equipment and infrastructure. Eligible school districts nationwide could apply for funds to support the purchase of items such as utility carts, utensils, large-capacity food processors, industrial scales, steamers, and freezers.

“The United Dairy Industry of Michigan and Michigan dairy farm families have supported school nutrition for more than 100 years, and we are excited to work with the USDA to continue that tradition,” said UDIM Chief Executive Officer Sharon Toth.

Since 2009, the USDA has awarded \$215 million in school nutrition equipment grants. The USDA provides this funding to states, which then competitively award grants to school districts for the purchase of necessary equipment. Priority is given to high-need schools where 50 percent or more of the enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

This year, the NDC and its network of local dairy councils across the country joined the USDA's efforts by kicking in an additional \$5 million through a separate, but simultaneous, grant application process.

District and School (if applicable)	Grant Amount
Anchor Bay School District	
Anchor Day High School	\$2,000
Anchor Bay Middle School North	\$1,775
Bay City School District	
Handy Middle School	\$23,500
Bendle Public Schools	
South Bendle Elementary School	\$16,550
Bendle Middle School	\$160
Benton Harbor Area Schools	
Arts & Communications Academy at Fair Plain	\$22,350
International Academy at Hull	\$24,000
Steam Academy at MLK	\$24,000
Birmingham Public Schools	
Harlan Elementary School	\$1,550
Bloomfield Hills School District	\$8,100
Breckenridge Community Schools	\$10,914
Breitung Township Schools	\$9,000
Caseville Public Schools	\$439
Cedar Springs Public Schools	\$3,241
Coldwater Community Schools	\$2,000
Coopersville Public School District	\$9,100
Clio Area School District	
A.C. Edgerton Elementary School	\$2,800
George A. Lacure Elementary School	\$ 2,800
Glen Garner Elementary School	\$2,800
Connor Creek Academy East - Elementary	\$18,000
Detroit Achievement Academy	\$9,479
Detroit Public Schools Community District	
Academy of the Americas	\$20,000
Clemente, Roberto Academy	\$20,000
Dixon Elementary School	\$25,000
Dossin Elementary - Middle School	\$25,000
Edward "Duke" Ellington at Beckham	\$20,000

Garvey Academy	\$25,000
Harms Elementary School	\$20,000
Ludington Magnet Middle School	\$20,000
Neinas Dual Language Learning Academy	\$25,000
Priest Elementary - Middle School	\$20,000
Pulaski Elementary - Middle School	\$20,000
Wayne Elementary School	\$25,000
Young, Coleman A. Elementary	\$20,000
Dexter Community School District	\$1,700
Dundee Community Schools	\$980
Edwardsburg Public Schools	\$7,500
Ewart Public Schools	
Ewart Elementary	\$17,130
Ewart Middle School	\$19,503
Fairview Area School District	
Fairview School	\$600
Fenton Are Public Schools	\$10,800
Forest Park School District	
Forest Park School	\$1,427
Grand Haven Area Public Schools	\$2,000
Greater Heights Academy	\$8,600
Gwinn Area Community Schools	\$4,425
Hartland Consolidated Schools	\$15,000
Holton Public Schools	\$3,500
Homer Community Schools	\$2,500
Imlay City Community Schools	\$5,000
Ingham Academy/Family Center	
Ingham Academy	\$17,649
Ingham County Youth Center	\$584
Kaleva Norman Dickson School District	
Brethren Middle School	\$3,789
Kent City Community Schools	
Kent City Middle School	\$2,500
Kentwood Public Schools	\$5,000
Lansing Public School District	\$41,757
North School	\$5,000
Lincoln Park Public Schools	\$2,000

Littlefield Public Schools	
Littlefield School (K-12)	\$1,800
Marshall Public Schools	
Marshall Middle School	\$2,700
Morley Stanwood Community Schools	
Morley Elementary School	\$3,000
Morley Stanwood High School	\$3,000
Muskegon Catholic Schools	\$2,124
Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System	
Muskegon Heights Academy	\$15,000
North Adams-Jerome Schools	\$2,100
Northstar Academy	\$1,500
Northwest Community Schools	\$2,200
Orchard View Schools	\$4,350
Pellston Public Schools	\$3,260
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	\$6,300
Portage Public Schools	
Moors Bridge Elementary School	\$2,500
Quincy Community School District	\$3,100
Reeths-Puffer Schools	\$5,350
Rogers City Area Schools	
Rogers City High School	\$5,000
School District of the City of Saginaw	
Arthur Eddy Academy	\$5,500
Arthur Hill High School	\$5,500
Chester F. Middle School	\$5,500
Herig School	\$5,500
Jessie Loomis School	\$5,500
Kempton Elementary School	\$5,500
Merrill Park Elementary School	\$17,500
Saginaw High School	\$5,500
Stone School	\$5,500
Zilwaukee K-8 School	\$5,500
Shelby Public Schools	
Shelby Middle School	\$1,800
St. Louis Public Schools	\$3,510
Stanton Township Pubic Schools	
E.B. Holman Elementary School	\$760

Tekonsha Community Schools	\$350
Traverse City Area Public Schools	
Traverse City High School	\$16,000
Traverse Heights Elementary School	\$6,400
Union City Community Schools	
Union City High School	\$3,509
Waterford School District	\$15,500
Watervilet School District	\$4,000
Watervilet Senior High School	\$25,000
Wayland Union Schools	\$12,500
White Pigeon Community Schools	\$3,110

For more information on the School Nutrition Equipment Grant, go to <http://www.fns.usda.gov/2016-nslp-equipment-assistance-grants>

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