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TO: South Dakota Board of Education

SUBJ: Request Change to LATI HB1142 Equipment Purchase List

FROM: MICHAEL CARTNEY, President

REQUEST: With prior approval of the Watertown School Board Lake Area Technical Institute (LATI) requests the following. With the receipt of previously unplanned funding to procure the Nacelle and Blades for our Energy Program, LATI requests the re-allocation of those previously approved dollars to the programs and items listed in the attachment.

BACKGROUND: At the September Board meeting, SD BOE approved \$220,000 of the HB1142 equipment funds for LATI to procure a replacement wind turbine nacelle and blades. Since that time, LATI has received a federal grant to purchase the nacelle and blades. Therefore, LATI requests approval to re-allocate those funds to the next highest priority equipment shortfalls. Additionally, LATI also lists equipment that will be procured should there be funds remaining after the primary items approved have been procured.

The Watertown School Board approval of this request is scheduled for their November Board meeting and will be forwarded following the meeting.

**ATTCH:**

- 1) Requested list of \$220,000 in equipment to replace the wind turbine nacelle and blades from Original HB1142 Request
- 2) LATI's original approved HB1142 request
- 3) Copy of Watertown School Board minutes where modification is approved. (To be provided)