

**SENATE  
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NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

**S.F. No. 3478**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Education Finance

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education finance; providing grants to public schools for capital  
1.3 improvements necessary to remove and replace American Indian mascots;  
1.4 appropriating money.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sum indicated in this section is  
1.8 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal year  
1.9 designated.

1.10 Subd. 2. American Indian mascot removal grants. (a) For grants to public schools  
1.11 for capital improvement projects necessary to remove and replace an American Indian  
1.12 mascot in compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.041:

1.13 § ..... 2025

1.14 (b) A public school may apply in the form and manner determined by the commissioner  
1.15 for a grant for construction costs necessary to remove and replace an American Indian  
1.16 mascot used on school facilities, such as a school building facade, gymnasium floor, athletic  
1.17 field, or school signage. Grant funds may not be used for expenses associated with the  
1.18 predesign, design, or planning phases of the project or for noncapital expenditures, such as  
1.19 uniforms or stationery.

1.20 (c) The commissioner may award a grant to a public school for construction costs incurred  
1.21 on or after July 1, 2022. The public school must provide the commissioner with  
1.22 documentation of eligible expenses in the form and manner determined by the commissioner.

2.1 If a school district issued bonds to finance the public school's eligible project, the grant  
2.2 funds must be deposited into the school district's debt redemption fund in an amount sufficient  
2.3 to pay the principal and interest on the debt service loan according to Minnesota Statutes,  
2.4 section 126C.70.

2.5 (d) The commissioner may award a grant to each qualifying public school of no more  
2.6 than \$.....

2.7 (e) This appropriation is available until June 30, 2026. This is a onetime appropriation.