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Senator Omar Fateh, Chair Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3219 95 University Ave. W. St. Paul, MN 55155

Representative Dan Wolgamott, Co-Chair Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee 5th Floor Centennial Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155

Representative Marion Rarick, Co-Chair Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee 2nd Floor Centennial Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Fateh, Representative Wolgamott, and Representative Rarick,

I am writing to notify you that the Office of Higher Education (OHE) will be making an additional transfer of funds to help meet the continued and well-known demand in the Minnesota State Grant program.

As we approach the end of the spring semester, institutions have alerted us to remaining and emerging needs for the current award year. In response, and in alignment with ongoing efforts to support the State Grant program, we are transferring unencumbered balances of \$1,673,056.43 from the Hunger Free Campus program, \$178,068.38 from the Concurrent Enrollment Grant program, \$133,500.12 from State Work Study, and \$160,000 from the State Get Ready appropriation to the Minnesota State Grant program, for a total transfer of \$2,144,624.93, as authorized by Laws of Minnesota 2023, Regular Session, Chapter 41, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 55. Additionally, as required by the law, both the State Work Study program and the Hunger Free Campus program have a projected surplus for the current academic year.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely.

Dennis Olson Jr. Commissioner

CC: Senator Zach Duckworth, Margaret Oliver, Nicauris Heredia-Rosario, Sam Parmekar, Sean Herring, Lorie Cousineau, Legislative Reference Library

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