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21 Idaho Schools, Districts and Childcare Organizations Awarded Funding for Child Nutrition Technology Solutions

(BOISE) – Schools, districts and childcare organizations in Idaho will receive funding to implement innovative technology solutions through funds provided to the Idaho Department of Education through the USDA's FY 2021 Technology Improvement Grant (TIG).

Under the grant, Idaho was awarded \$518,028 to award Child Nutrition Program (CNP) sponsors in the form of mini-grants over the course of three years. This distribution is the third and final round in the mini-grant cycle, with total grant awards of over \$171,000 in federal funding.

Some of the items purchased with the grant funds include upgraded hardware, menu planning software and more.

Funds will be distributed to 21 CNP sponsors in Idaho schools and districts for the purpose of adding technology solutions that will improve program accountability, data accuracy, program performance and the capacity to identify and target error-prone areas within all Child Nutrition Programs at the state and local education agency or sponsoring organization levels.

"We don't often think of things like printers, laptops and software as essential for use in our school cafeterias," said Superintendent of Public Instruction Debbie Critchfield. "In reality, these technology improvements are another important way to ensure that we're efficiently and effectively delivering healthy food to Idaho's students."

More information about <u>Child Nutrition Programs</u> is available on the Idaho Department of Education website. Schools receiving 2021 Technology Improvement Grant Round 3 grant awards include:

SFA	Equipment	Grant
		Award
Payette School District	2 point of sale computers and 3 printers	\$3,419.19

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	Mosaic menu/inventory software, 4 point of sale	
Caldwell School District	monitors	\$23,102.00
	Health-e Pro menu planning software, 4 laptops, 2	
Orofino School District	monitors, media player & license, cameras	\$24,000.00
Elevate Caldwell		
Charter School	Health-e Pro software	\$3,752.50
Elevate North Charter		
School	Health-e Pro software	\$3,752.50
Plummer/Worley School		
District	Titan software, 2 laptops, printer	\$6,900.80
Blaine County School		
District	10 Chromebooks, card printer	\$4,803.90
The Small World Child		
Care Center	1 desktop stand, 2 laptops, iPad Air, keyboard	\$5,700.63
American Heritage		
Charter School	2 laptops, tablet, LINQ/Titan software	\$13,601.62
Fingerprints Pre School	Laptop, 8 iPhones for meal counting	\$15,172.20
Basin School District	Mosaic software	\$2,845.00
New Plymouth School	Nutrition analysis software (point of sale, F&R	
District	apps, menu & inventory planning)	\$11,245.00
Kootenai School District	3 computers, monitors, printer, printer toner	\$3,174.36
	Point of sale computer system (all-in-one computer	
Midvale School District	with Windows 11)	\$1,399.99
Minidoka School	12 point of sale computers and 8 desktop	
District	computers, 12 stands	\$18,971.88
West Bonner School		
District	2 printers and toner	\$1,423.66
West Side School	3 laptops, 4 point of sale laptops, finger scanning	
District	software	\$5,743.00
Richfield School District	EMS Linq software	\$8,700.00
St. Vincent De Paul	25 tablet, 2 laptops, Adobe, Microsoft Office, 2	
Coeur d'Alene	monitors	\$7,148.68
Our Lady of Good		
Counsel - St. Vincent de		
Paul	2 tablets, mobile hotspot, printer, laptop	\$840.50
	Computer with double screen, printer, EMS LINQ	
Kamiah School District	and Café Plugin software	\$5,885.18

Grant awards are contingent upon available USDA funds.

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