

## FACT SHEET

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### EDUCATION FUNDING

When the federal government granted statehood in the 1800s, it also gave land (usually Sections 16 & 36) to each newly-developed state to ensure that the financial needs of education did not get neglected. Each state created a governing body to manage those assets for education. In North Dakota, that body is the Board of University of School Lands, and the administering agency is the State Land Department.

The chart below shows the distributions that will be made to the Permanent Trust Beneficiaries for the 2-year period ending June 30, 2017. The distribution to the ND public school system – grades K-12 during the 2014 school year was \$627.53/pupil. The ND Department of Trust Lands is not a tax-funded agency but rather an income generator for the various trust funds.

<u>Fund Beneficiary</u>	<u>2015-17 Distribution Amt</u>
Common Schools (K-12)	\$ 206,134,000
North Dakota State University	\$ 3,368,000
School for the Blind	\$ 456,000
School for the Deaf	\$ 1,180,000
State Hospital	\$ 1,000,000
Ellendale (split to other funds)	\$ 546,000
Valley City State University	\$ 570,000
Mayville State University	\$ 382,000
Industrial School	\$ 1,372,000
School of Science	\$ 988,000
School of Mines	\$ 1,134,000
Veterans Home	\$ 356,000
University of North Dakota	\$ 1,608,000
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