If Lions International *DOES NOT* award a matching grant, donors will have one of three options. Please sign and date the donation plan of your choice—located below—in the event that the matching donation is not approved.

**OPTION 1**

The donation will remain with WCA Schools to continue fundraising efforts towards the purchase of a greenhouse.

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Donor/Donor Representative Signature

_____________________________________________
Date

**OPTION 2**

The donation will remain with WCA Schools to be used by the Agriculture Department to improve educational opportunities throughout the program.

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Donor/Donor Representative Signature

_____________________________________________
Date

**OPTION 3**

Please return the donation if the Lions International matching grant is not awarded.

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Donor/Donor Representative Signature

_____________________________________________
Date

QUESTIONS?
Contact Eric Sawatzke

WCA Secondary School
301 County Road 2
Barrett, MN 56311

320-528-7452

esawatzke@isd2342.org
WCA Schools is the potential recipient of a large grant to improve Agricultural Education while also creating a significant benefit to the communities in and around the WCA school district. We are working with Lions Clubs in the area to write a $100,000 matching grant through Lions Clubs International to provide the lead funding for a $200,000+ educational greenhouse to be built on the WCA Secondary School site in Barrett.

Part of the application requests the amount of financial support that has been pledged in support of the project. Community groups, businesses, and individuals who pledge financial support can submit a pledge form before January 15, 2020. “Note that fundraising will continue past January 15th.”

If the Lions International grant is awarded, funds will be collected anytime between January of 2020 and March of 2021. This may help some donors to be able to spread their donations over two tax years if that is a benefit that they choose to utilize.

If the Lions International grant is not approved, the plan may go forward as the fundraising committee is working on additional grants and funding sources.

**DONOR OPPORTUNITY**

**PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS**

The greenhouse would:

- Be part of a larger overall modernization plan of the ag education department which includes upgrades to curriculum, facilities, and equipment to enhance hands-on learning in plant science, ag mechanics, welding, and much more.

- Provide year-round growing conditions. Currently, students typically only have May and September outdoor lab opportunities during the school year.

- Provide educational components including agronomy, horticulture, floriculture, plant pathology, soil science, environmental science, STEM, and research processes.

- Enable the WCA Ag Ed Department to partner with the Grant County and Hoffman Food Shelves to provide fresh, local produce throughout the year.

- Provide students with access to fresh produce that they grew while at school.

- Encourage research projects and class labs and increase the use of the 33 acre Environmental Learning Center.

- Producing crops, flowers, fruits and vegetables, potting soil, and lab space will make this a great resource throughout the school.

**Imagine the impacts for science, business, art, family and consumer science, math, and so much more!**

**DONATION PLEDGE FORM**

Please fill out the pledge form below and return to: Eric Sawatzke, 301 Co Rd 2, Barrett, MN 56311. Pledge forms returned by early January will be included in the grant application as evidence of community support which will boost the application quality.

Checks do not need to accompany the initial pledge form. Donation checks can be made anytime. However, only donations made before March 2021 will be eligible to be considered a matching donation for the Lions International Grant.

(Name of Individual/Group/Business) is excited to partner with WCA Schools to provide $________________________

in financial support for the construction of an educational greenhouse to be located at WCA Secondary School in Barrett, MN. Funds will be sent to WCA Schools by March 15, 2021.

- Please make all checks payable to WCA Ag Boosters and write “Greenhouse Project” in the memo line.

- Funds will be collected until March 2021.

- Once collection is complete, the Lions International matching grant will be collected and the greenhouse will be built.

- The grant will match up to $100,000 in donations.