

**North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind
Budget 253
Senate Bill No. 2013**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2011-13 legislative appropriation	29.50	\$3,797,240 ¹	\$835,091	\$4,632,331
2009-11 legislative appropriation	<u>29.50</u>	<u>3,510,068</u>	<u>818,902</u>	<u>4,328,970</u>
2011-13 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2009-11 appropriation	0	\$287,172	\$16,189	\$303,361

¹This amount includes \$70,000 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$3,727,240.

Item Description

One-time funding - In Section 2 of 2011 Senate Bill No. 2013, the Legislative Assembly identified \$70,000 of one-time funding from the general fund for a tractor (\$17,000), a Braille embosser (\$8,500), a facility master plan (\$20,000), and instructional equipment (\$24,500) during the 2011-13 biennium.

Braille music instruction program - The Legislative Assembly removed a .5 FTE position for the superintendent position currently shared with the School for the Deaf and provided a .5 FTE Braille music instructor position.

Status/Result

North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind anticipates purchasing the tractor, the Braille embosser, and the instructional equipment in calendar year 2012. The facility master plan is underway and will be completed in May 2012.

The .5 FTE Braille music instructor position assists school districts with Braille music for blind students and provides individualized instruction to students attending the School for the Blind. In addition, the School for the Blind, with assistance from the North Dakota School for the Blind Foundation, will host a summer Braille music camp for students.