

## Alpena Public Schools

Program: Inter-Scholastic Athletic Funds

Grant: \$31,500.00

Alpena Public Schools is a Class A District serving a population of some 4200 students in six elementary schools for (grades K-5), Thunder Bay Junior High (grades 6-8) and Alpena High School (grades 9-12). With the erosion of school funding, Alpena Public Schools was forced to cut athletic programming and eliminate some sports teams altogether. This reduced the opportunities for area youth to participate in athletics and required many teams to rely on community businesses, organizations, coaches, parents and students to raise funds to continue programs. Grant monies for this program were given to cover transportation costs for athletic teams and to support a swimming coach for AHS students. After some consideration, APS chose to return that portion of the grant money designated for a swimming coach as it posed some future sustainability issues for the district. Approximately 900 students were able to benefit from the transportation portion of the grant.

