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**MEMORANDUM
2021-015**

DATE: May 6, 2021
TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts
FROM: Kurt Boeckmann, Director *KDB*
SUBJECT: End to DSP 3 Grazing School Attendance Variance

During the April 14, 2021 commission meeting, the commission reviewed the list of scheduled grazing schools for 2021. Due to the number of 2021 planned schools being consistent with prior years, the commission voted to end the statewide variance they granted June 23, 2020 that waived the policy of attending a grazing school. For any new grazing system submitted for program office staff review after April 14, 2021, the system operator will have to attend a grazing school before the contract will be approved.

Any contract that was approved using the variance, the system manager has to attend a grazing school within one year of the schools being rescheduled. Based on the commission's variance, if the system manager does not attend a school within one year, 100% of the cost-share funds have to be paid back. If the district has anyone that utilized the variance, the district needs to ensure they attend a grazing school this year.

If you have any questions, please contact your district coordinator. Thank you.