

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #8 (2005-2006)

August 15, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF CONTINUING GRANT AWARD:  
GOVERNOR'S GRANT FOR DRUG AND VIOLENCE  
PREVENTION

*ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, caring, barrier-free school, promoting health and wellness, and collaborating with other community agencies to maximize opportunities for lifelong learning.*

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant award from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development in the amount of \$39,335 for the second year of a three-year grant period. This project continues and expands a partnership between the Anchorage School District and the Anchorage Police Department for alcohol/drug and violence prevention and early intervention.

PERTINENT FACTS:

This state grant competition draws on federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools allocations for community-based prevention education. A primary purpose of the grant is to reinforce local interagency partnerships for K-12 prevention related to alcohol/drug use and violence. A continuing collaboration between the Anchorage School District (ASD) and Anchorage Police Department (APD) is the centerpiece of this initiative. The project deploys certified APD Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) officers, School Resource Officers, and K9 Unit officers and dogs into classrooms to work with teachers and counselors. It builds on ASD/APD joint efforts in school crisis preparedness, classroom-based drug and alcohol education, and anti-bullying education. Funding supports a continuation of DARE K-7 at Fairview, Eagle River, Mountain View, Tyson,

Williwaw, and Wonder Park elementary schools; and at Clark Middle School. The project supports continuation and expansion of the Don't Laugh at Me (DLAM) anti-bullying curriculum in the elementary schools; and the Aggressors, Victims, and Bystanders (AVB) anti-bullying curriculum at Clark. All of these are nationally validated programs. The project includes DARE's parent workshops delivered by DARE officers for the elementary schools. The grant also initiates a one-hour research-based sexual violence prevention workshop that has been developed by School Resource Officers for high-risk youth. This workshop will be offered in six secondary programs: AVAIL, the Continuation Program, McLaughlin, Crossroads, SAVE, and Benny Benson.

The grant will be administered through the Superintendent's office in conjunction with School Resource Officers. Funding supports overtime for police officers, contract addenda for teachers to develop anti-bullying lessons, and materials. The project does not use release time. The competition does not require a cash match. In-kind support is through the regular workday of School Resource Officers.

Budget Summary, Year Two:

Added Duty Certificated	\$ 640
Employee Benefits	118
Contracted Services	28,768
Teaching Supplies	9,038
Indirect Costs	<u>771</u>
TOTAL	\$39,335

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Prepared/Approved by: Carol Comeau, Superintendent