

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #26 (2005-2006)

August 15, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF CONTINUATION GRANT AWARD:  
CROSSROADS SMART FAMILIES INITIATIVE

*ASD Goals: Increase student academic achievement . . . and Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, barrier-free schools, promoting health and wellness, maximizing opportunities for lifelong learning, 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 continuation grant award from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services in the amount of \$52,889 for a partnership program in parenting at Crossroads School.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services' Healthy Marriages Initiative is a competitive grant program funded by federal pass-through funds through the Administration for Children and Families. The purpose of the competition is to support programs that can strengthen two-parent families within marriage. The competition's program objectives include providing youth and young adults with skills and knowledge to make informed decisions about healthy relationships; providing stability for families at risk of fragmenting; and expanding community partnerships capable of implementing healthy marriage strategies.

The Crossroads initiative is a partnership between Crossroads and Chugachmiut tribal consortium to equip parenting teens with relationship, survival, and parenting skills. The effort benefits both married and unmarried teens, and specifically targets teen fathers. The project supports the development of skills which can stabilize and strengthen young families, keep teen parents in school, and include teen fathers more fully in the academic, life skills, and support

services at Crossroads and Chugachmiut. Smart Families combines educational workshop, academics, and case management services. The project was initiated in FY 2005 through one-year funding from the Healthy Marriages grant program. This continuation award extends the project through another year.

The grant program does not require a cash match. The budget does not include release time. Major budget items support contract addenda for Crossroads staff, stipends as incentive for participating student parents, a contract to Chugachmiut for participation of its Smart Families staff specialist, and external evaluation by UAA. In-kind support consists primarily of time dedicated by Crossroads' principal and Chugachmiut staff.

Budget Summary:

Added Duty - Classified	\$ 7,020
Extra Help - Parent Stipends	2,000
Fringe Benefits	1,820
Contracted Services - Instruction	31,600
Mileage	263
Student Travel - Field Trips	750
Teaching Supplies	7,160
Indirect Costs	<u>2,276</u>
TOTAL	\$52,889

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