

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #6 (2005-2006)

August 22, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: COMPREHENSIVE  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PREVENTION AND EARLY  
INTERVENTION SERVICES GRANT

*ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, caring, barrier-free schools and by promoting health and wellness.*

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a two-part grant award from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services in the amount of \$148,945.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has awarded \$148,945 to the Anchorage School District for two projects to run from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. One project is through Safe and Drug Free Schools and the other is through Special Education Department's Students, Teachers, and Parents (SteP) Center.

The Safe and Drug Free Schools project, for a total of \$98,945, is "Empowering Students to Lead," at East, Service and Dimond High schools. The project will use the highly effective *Change of Heart* training to promote and grow healthy high school communities, empowering students to be change agents in the climate and cultures of their schools. *Change of Heart* is a Search Institute training that helps students examine their own judgments and prejudices in a small group format. Cadres of student volunteers from each high school will be trained as trainers of Change of Heart. Safe and Drug Free Schools will work with local community partners to assist in the development and training of these teams. The cadres will offer *Change of Heart* trainings to their peers at each high school. Each team will have an advisor, who will work with them in building their skills

and in offering other training topics for students, as they and the school administration see the need. The grant will fund a full time project coordinator through Safe and Drug Free Schools.

The STeP Center project, for a total of \$50,000, will broaden the scope and impact of its initiatives to raise awareness and understanding of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and to improve outcomes for students who experience FASD. The STeP Center will coordinate additional training for school site-level FASD Representatives and Core Teams, training for classroom teachers, parent and student education, video development by Highland Tech students, and collaboration with major community providers. Major grant budget items are for project coordinator’s addendum, release time for Core Teams and Representatives to attend quarterly training events, guest presenters, production equipment, and materials.

<u>Budget Summary</u>	<u>SDFS</u>	<u>Spec. Ed.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salaries	\$67,506	\$30,135	
Employee Benefits	23,317	5,230	
Office Supplies	-	500	
Teaching Supplies	2,858	3,000	
Equipment	-	2,500	
Contractual Services	-	3,000	
Registrations	-	2,000	
Printing	-	405	
Rentals	-	950	
Local travel	750	-	
Indirect costs	<u>4,514</u>	<u>2,280</u>	
TOTAL	\$98,945	\$50,000	\$148,945

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