

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #15 (2005-2006)

August 22, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT ALASKA FAMILY DIRECTORY
WEBSITE

ASD Goal: Ensure public accountability through effective communication with students, staff, parents, community and government at all levels.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept grant funds from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) for \$22,150. Funds will support the expansion and maintenance of the Alaska Family Directory website and a statewide e-newsletter developed and published by the STeP Center.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Department of Education and Early Development, Special Education Division, has awarded the Anchorage School District Special Education Department/STeP Center grant funds to continue development and maintenance of the Alaska Family Directory (AFD) and e-publish a statewide newsletter. The AFD is a web resource for information on disabilities and support services and activities across the state. Each of the five regions of the state contain community organization listings, a calendar of events (updated monthly) and a list of communities in that particular region.

The AFD was funded at \$5,000 for the 2004-2005 school year to pay for initial website development and public access through the STeP Center as a web host. In on-going discussions with Art Arnold, Alaska State Special Education Director, during the 2004-2005 school year, the STeP Center proposed to continue hosting the AFD on the Center's Website. This year it will expand its services to include a disability awareness newsletter entitled "AK Connect", participate in advertisement activities to increase the use of the website across the state and increase the subscription database. A non-

competitive continuation grant proposal was developed and subsequently funded July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006.

BUDGET SUMMARY:

Personnel Services	\$ 12,968
Contract Services	\$ 1,000
Office Supplies	\$ 4,862
Mileage/Travel	\$ 3,070
Utilities	<u>\$ 250</u>
Total	\$ 22,150

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