

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #16 (2005-2006)

August 22, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: STATE OF ALASKA WIA  
IN-AND-OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM

*ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by continuing to retain, recruit, and train highly qualified staff... and maximizing opportunities for lifelong learning.*

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant from the State of Alaska, Workforce Investment Act Youth Program, in the amount of \$99,646. This ongoing program is designed to reduce the dropout rate of at-risk youth and to increase opportunities to obtain postsecondary training and careers upon graduation.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds are available to the Anchorage School District for providing vocational assessment, work readiness skills development, career counseling, and occupational skills training for youth from McLaughlin School. The goal is to prepare students for specific postsecondary training and careers upon graduation from high school. This award includes follow-up support services to June 30, 2006. Funds will provide salary and benefits for added duty pay for a coordinator/evaluator, vocational teachers, case managers, youth counselors, and teacher assistants. Funds also will provide minimum wage and benefits for forty youth participants during the 2005-2006 school year.

The grant does not require release time or matching funds. In-kind services include use of McLaughlin School office and classroom after hours, certified and classified staff time, and services from McLaughlin Youth Center to include supervision of students by youth counselors and work-site supervisors.

Budget Summary:

Personnel	\$43,300
Fringe Benefits	7,194
Supplies	7,750
Mileage	81
Student Wages & Benefits	36,757
Indirect Costs	<u>4,564</u>
TOTAL	\$99,646

CC/JC/MH/CJ/MS/BT

Prepared by: Mike Henry, Executive Director, High School Education  
Catherine Jones, Principal, McLaughlin School  
Mark Smedley, McLaughlin Work Experience Coordinator  
Beverly Thornburg, Coordinator, Discretionary Grants

Approved by: Jan Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction