

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #37 (2006-2007)

September 11, 2006

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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

*ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, caring, and barrier-free schools; promoting health and wellness; continuing to retain, recruit, and train highly qualified staff; challenging each student academically; maximizing opportunities for lifelong learning; offering reinforcing extracurricular activities; 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 \$13,225 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 School 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 was initiated in FY 2005

through funding from a Healthy Marriages grant. This year, the grant award was reduced by legislative action. Crossroads and Chugachmiut will offer a month- long series of skills workshop culminating in a Fathers' Fair. The project is consistent with the High School Education and Social and Emotional Learning Six-year Instructional plans.

The budget does not include release time. Major budget items support contract addenda for Crossroads staff, a contract to Chugachmiut for participation of its Smart Families staff specialist, and materials for the workshops and a Fathers' Fair. In-kind support consists primarily of time dedicated by the Crossroads principal and Chugachmiut staff.

Budget Summary:

Added Duty - Classified	\$ 2,983
Contracted Services - Instruction	7,900
Teaching Supplies	1,853
Indirect Costs	<u>489</u>
TOTAL	\$13,225

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