

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

MEMORANDUM # 34 (2006-2007)

September 11, 2006

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH CONSORTIUM ON READING
EXCELLENCE

ASD Goal: Increase student academic achievement using data to guide adoption of curriculum, methods, materials, and professional development specifically designed to ensure that each group as designated by No Child Left Behind makes adequate yearly progress.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the Consortium on Reading Excellence (CORE) be selected to provide support for teachers and principals in the implementation of their core literacy curriculum in ten Title I schools: Taku, Fairview, Muldoon, North Star, Russian Jack, Ptarmigan, Williwaw, Willow Crest, Wonder Park and Northwood elementary schools. The amount is \$330,475.

PERTINENT FACTS:

CORE provides services to schools through a site implementation specialist who works with teachers, coaches and the principal to implement the core reading curriculum and assessments effectively and efficiently in order to achieve the highest levels of student learning and achievement. For the past two years, CORE has worked very successfully with Creekside Park, Spring Hill, Ursa Minor, Mountain View and Airport Heights elementary schools through funding provided by the Reading First grant. All of these schools saw significant results in reading achievement in last year's third grade standards based assessments.

Because of the success of their work with the Reading First schools, the Administration recommends CORE provide a site implementation specialist for ten Title I schools which were chosen based on achievement needs. The CORE specialist will work with the coaches, teachers and principal to implement the core reading curriculum at each school site effectively in order to insure student success. CORE is highly flexible and provides support based on the needs of each individual school.

Admin	\$235,090
Prof. Dev.	<u>95,385</u>
	\$330,475

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