

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #155 (2006-2007)

December 11, 2006

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF RIGHT START CONTRACT: NORTH STAR, WILLIWAW, WILLIAM TYSON, MOUNTAIN VIEW, AND BIG LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

*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 and the Quality Schools Initiative makes adequate yearly progress.*

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to continue a contract from the State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) in the amount of \$29,060. Funds will be used to provide intervention for children in North Star, Williwaw, William Tyson, Mountain View and Big Lake elementary schools who need extra help in specific areas of development.

PERTINENT FACTS:

This contract by the Department of Education and Early Development is for federal discretionary monies targeted to high-needs schools. The Right Start plan provides for kindergarten program improvement and intervention for primary children. Over the past four years, school principals and teachers have worked to develop activities that are appropriate for the children being served. The Right Start plan is based on three areas of focus: student achievement, staff development, and parent involvement.

Literacy activities, Saturday School, tutorial opportunities, homework help, after-school enrichment activities, and family night programs promote the goals of the Right Start program. The schools provide assistance to struggling students and

help ensure that these children do not continue to slip further behind with each passing year.

The budget does not include release time. Grant funds will be provided for tutoring and to support struggling students in reading, writing and/or math.

Budget Summary:

Added Duty Certificated	\$ 22,500
Benefits	5,516
Materials & Supplies	<u>1,044</u>
Total	\$ 29,060

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