

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #209 (2006-2007)

March 12, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT: SUBMISSION OF DISCRETIONARY
GRANTS, SECOND QUARTER 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR

PERTINENT FACTS:

The purpose of this report is to inform the School Board on a quarterly basis of new grants that have been submitted for funding.

ASD 21st Century Alaska Community Learning Centers; to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, for \$5,625,435 for a five-year project. Mt. View, Northwood, Taku, and Willow Crest Elementary Schools: To raise the academic achievement of students. This grant will continue the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CLCs) at these schools, providing safe, academically focused after-school programs of expanded learning, with recreational activities, enrichment, and parent involvement. This project has been funded for \$618,206 for the first year of the project.

Middle School Social and Emotional Learning Intensive (MSSELI); to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development; for \$206,628 for a 36-month project. Safe and Drug Free Schools: To reduce aggressive and violent behaviors among middle school students through an intensive skill-building prevention and intervention class for middle school students as an alternative to out-of-school suspension for aggressive behaviors, using the research-supported Aggression Replacement Training (ART) model. The classes will be taught off-campus at Volunteers of America (VOA) by certified instructors who will receive ART training from a nationally recognized consultant. This project has been funded for \$206,628.

Best Buy Teach Award (\$15,000 level); to Best Buy Children's Foundation, for \$15,000 for a 12-month grant. Polaris K-12: To provide the technology to create "portfolio hubs" in classrooms for students to create multi-media projects which communicate their academic progress to teachers, staff, parents and the community. Polaris K-12 was invited to apply for a \$15,000 enhancement grant after winning a \$2,500 gift card grant for this project and was awarded the \$15,000 Best Buy gift card.

Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries; to the Laura Bush Foundation, for \$5,000 for a 12-month project. Wonder Park Elementary: To provide books for the History, Geography and Natural Science sections of the school library and to expand and enhance a fiction collection that is aging.

Susitna Elementary Community Outreach Project ASCD Healthy Communities Grant; to the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, for \$10,000 for a 12-month grant. Susitna Elementary: To support community outreach efforts by Susitna students to provide opportunities to collaborate with community organizations on health-related projects. This project was not funded.

Making A Difference With Family Fitness Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant; to Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, for \$5,000 for an eight-month project. College Gate Elementary: To provide and promote family fitness activities at the school, such as a monthly free indoor or outdoor Family Fitness Night; stress reduction activities; a Family Fitness Fair; a Family Fitness Library; and the production of flyers for community involvement and support.

Partnership Grants

Anchorage Police Department Gang Resistance and Education Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Grant; to the U.S. Department of Justice for a 12-month project. Anchorage Police Department and Anchorage School District middle schools: To provide G.R.E.A.T. curriculum to students at the highest risk middle school. Grant funds are for APD patrol officer overtime pay to receive G.R.E.A.T. training and education and for teaching the curriculum to students; computer equipment; and G.R.E.A.T. t-shirts and promotional supplies.

Anchorage Waterways Council and Polaris K-12 School Waterways Partnership Grant; to the Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation, for \$2,802 for a 12-month project. Anchorage Waterways Council, in partnership with Polaris K-12: To provide water quality testing kits and replacement supplies, a digital camera, and a GPS for students at Polaris K-12 to monitor and record the water quality of Little Campbell Creek, as part of a long-term environmental and citizenship project between AWC and Polaris K-12.

Mini-grants

The Musical Heritage Project Fine Arts Grant; to the NEA Foundation, for \$1,983 for a 12-month project. Clark Middle School: To help students in the student choir at Clark Middle School to grow musically, academically, and culturally. The grant provides Music Theory curriculum materials, Music Notation Software, Portable Sound System, and student transportation.

Coretta Scott King Book Donation; to the American Library Association, for \$1,000 for an eight-month project. College Gate Elementary: To provide books for the school library which accurately portray African Americans and contemporary life.

College Gate Learning and Growing Garden Outdoor Classroom Grant; to Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, for \$1,500 for a 14-month project. College Gate Elementary: To create a reading and reflection garden for College Gate that will improve the appearance of the school community while engaging all students in the joys of growing plants and caring for the earth.

Poets on the Playground Teen Literacy Grant; to the Alaska State Literacy Association, for \$500. College Gate Elementary: To provide poetry books, a digital camera, and supplies for blank books for sixth grade students to write poetry and share it with others.

MIR Parents, Inc.; to the First National Bank Alaska, for \$2,900. Turnagain Elementary: To provide Russian culture books for use in the classroom and the library to support the Russian Immersion program at Turnagain.

Artists in Schools Structured Grants FY2007; to the Alaska State Council on the Arts, for \$600. Eagle River Elementary: To provide a two-week artist-in-residency to allow third and fourth grade students a chance to spend significant time with Jack Dalton, a Yupik storyteller.

Target Field Trip Grant Astronomy/Environmental Science Project; to Target Corporation, for \$1,000. Susitna Elementary: To support a field trip for a class of science students from Susitna Elementary to travel to the Challenger Learning Center in Kenai and to the Islands and Oceans Center in Homer in the spring of 2008 which will reinforce and expand students' astronomy and environmental science studies that have taken place during the school year.

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