

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #25 (2007-2008)

August 13, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: STATE OF ALASKA WIA
YOUTH PROGRAM GRANT

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 grant from the State of Alaska, Workforce Investment Act Youth Program, in the amount of \$68,866.

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. This ongoing program is designed to reduce the drop-out rate of adjudicated youth offenders and to increase opportunities to obtain postsecondary training and careers upon graduation. 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, 2008 for youth from the FY 2006-2007 program. 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 paid internships (minimum wage and benefits) for 25 youth participants during the 2007-2008 school year. The grant does not require release time or matching funds.

In-kind services include use of McLaughlin School facilities (office and classrooms after school hours), certified and classified staff time, and services from McLaughlin Youth Center (supervision of students by youth counselors and work-site supervisors).

Budget Summary:

Personnel	\$25,393
Employee Benefits	6,266
Supplies	5,150
Student Wages & Benefits	29,638
Indirect Costs	<u>2,419</u>
TOTAL	\$68,866

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