

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

MEMORANDUM #28 (2007-2008)

August 13, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: 2006 PRE-DISASTER
MITIGATION GRANT

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, caring, barrier-free schools. Ensure public accountability through effective consultation with community to ensure wise use of financial resources and responsible construction and maintenance of facilities, and effective communication with students, staff, parents, community and government at all levels.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, in the amount of \$74,106.50 for installation of seismic gas shutoff valves at 17 of 21 shelter schools around the district.

PERTINENT FACTS:

On December 12, 2005, Board Memorandum #136 (2005-2006) authorized the Superintendent to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, for Pre-Disaster Mitigation associated with natural gas shut-off valves. On March 6, 2006, Board Memorandum #195 (2005-06) designated the District's 25% local match, in accordance with the grant application.

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program was authorized by §203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief Act (Stafford Act), 42 USC. Funding for the program is provided through the National Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund to assist States and local governments in implementing cost-effective hazard mitigation activities that complement a comprehensive mitigation program.

The Anchorage All-Hazard Mitigation Plan asks that all schools have seismic gas shut off valves installed. The preliminary grant budget estimate is \$100,000. Funds will support the installation of seismic gas shutoff valves on 17 of 21 shelter schools throughout the school district. Four shelter schools already have these installed.

Under competition guidelines, FEMA will provide 75% of the funds to support this grant funds. Funds will support such items as installation of the seismic gas shutoff valves, and management costs not to exceed 5% of the project cost associated with this. The program requires a 25% local match.

The amount of the grant award is \$74,106.50. The amount of the ASD match is \$24,703.00.

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