

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #19 (2007-2008)

August 27, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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

ASD Goal: This report listing all of the grants submitted during the fourth quarter of the 2006-2007 school year addresses the Anchorage School District Mission to educate all students for success in life.

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.

Anchorage School District Smaller Learning Communities; to the U.S. Department of Education for \$8,579,632 for a five-year project. High School Education: To strengthen and expand smaller learning communities in support of ASD high school goals at Bartlett, Chugiak, Dimond, East, Service, South and West high schools. The project builds on such initiatives as interdisciplinary programs, drop-out prevention and graduation coaching, academies and houses, advisories and counseling, vertical teaming, post-secondary planning, higher level coursework, expansion of the school day, summer recovery and acceleration, and rigor across the curriculum. Grant funds will provide professional development, resources for program development, and direct services to students.

Youth Education and Media Initiative; to the Alaska Highway Safety Office for \$237,863 for a 12-month project. Safe and Drug-Free Schools: To continue with activities that address community and school issues around underage drinking and alcohol-related car crashes.

State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship Grant; to State Farm Insurance Companies for \$5,000. Mears Middle School: To encourage local educators to pursue National Board Certification and to increase the level of support for training of teachers to this end. Grant funds will pay for stipends, registration, and hotel for teachers to attend the national conference, and

contract addenda and materials for local trainings. This project has been funded.

RARE-T HIV/AIDS Peer Education; to the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services for \$23,536 for a 12-month project. Health and Physical Education Programs: To continue the peer-led RARE-T HIV prevention intervention program in ASD middle schools and high schools. This project has not been funded.

Title IID Enhancing Education Through Technology (E2T2); to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, for \$24,449 in additional funds for the FY 2007 E2T2 project. Educational Technology: To provide additional support for the Intel ® Teach to the Future - Master Technology Teacher Leader (MTTL) project by providing SmartBoard stands and mapping software. This enables MTTLs to model and provide training on the use of these classroom technologies. These additional funds have been awarded.

Partnership Grants

Anchorage School-Based Mentoring Project; to the U.S. Department of Education for \$584,178 for a 36-month project. A partnership between Anchorage School District and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Alaska: To support school-based mentoring services for high risk youths from five elementary schools: Denali, Government Hill, Mountain View, North Star, and Russian Jack. The project will recruit and train 300 volunteer mentors, including former ASD peer mediators.

Course Taking in Mathematics: A Look at Anchorage School District Secondary Students, Senior Urban Education Research Fellowship; to the Council of Great City Schools for \$95,033 for a 24-month project. A partnership between the University of Alaska Anchorage's Institute of Social and Economic Research and ASD Assessment and Evaluation: To examine secondary student mathematics course taking patterns and mathematics course placement in relation to student achievement. This project has not been funded.

Social and Emotional Learning in a Global Classroom; a concept paper to the William T. Grant Foundation for \$3,750,000 for a five-year project. Anchorage School District and American Institutes for Research: To learn the impact of Social and Emotional Learning on academic achievement and school climate through an exploratory study in 12 ASD elementary schools.

Mini-grants

2007 Bowler's Education In-School Bowling Teacher Grant; to the Bowling Foundation for \$1,300. Willow Crest Elementary: To provide bowling equipment for the physical fitness program at Willow Crest. This project has been funded.

Delta Kappa Gamma Teacher Mini-Grants; to Delta Kappa Gamma for awards of \$250 for school projects.

- Begich Middle School: To help defer costs for materials for Camp Snow Leopard day in August 2007. This project has been funded.
- Chugiak High School: To bring Russian artists to Chugiak High School to teach students folk dances and songs. This project has not been funded.

Power to Achieve Learning Mastery - Handhelds and Digital Learning; to ING Unsung Heroes Awards Program for \$2,000. Gruening Middle School: To provide equipment to enhance the use of handheld computers for 7th grade Language Arts students. This project has not been funded.

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