

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #109 (2007-2008)

November 12, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF CONTINUATION GRANT AWARD:
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNSELING
DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM--CREATING SUCCESSFUL
FUTURES

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, caring, barrier-free schools; promoting health and wellness, and continuing to retain, recruit and train highly qualified staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a continuation grant award from the U.S. Department of Education's Safe and Drug-Free Schools Office, in the amount of \$377,899; the third year of a three-year project.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Anchorage School District Elementary Education Department has received a continuation grant award from the U.S. Department of Education's Safe and Drug-Free Schools program for the third year of a three-year project that was initiated during the 2005-2006 school year. The federal competition calls for innovative and promising approaches to counseling programs in elementary schools. The first tier has established a focused counseling program that intervenes with high-risk behavior on the part of identified elementary students. This individualized program helps students learn and practice pro-social behaviors in the regular school setting. College Gate Elementary houses this program. Referrals from elementary schools throughout the district are accepted, with a target of 36-40 kindergarten and first grade students served throughout the school year. The second tier provides for "Aggression Replacement," which is intensive social/emotional learning training, at selected school sites for identified fourth, fifth and sixth grade students. Approximately 120 students will be served in the 2007-2008 school year through this project. The

project also provides professional development for school counselors, instructional staff, and parents to support prevention and intervention strategies. This initiative aligns with and supports the Elementary Education Six-Year Plan.

This grant does not include a cash match. In-kind components consist primarily of regular district staffing and supplies.

FY 2007-2008 Budget Summary, Year Three:

Certificated Salaries	\$248,018
Substitutes	2,160
Employee Benefits	102,162
Teaching supplies	2,000
Mileage	6,319
Indirect Cost	<u>17,240</u>
Total	\$377,899

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