

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #113 (2007-2008)

November 12, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: ALASKA RAILROAD  
SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM 2008

*ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by; 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 grant funds from the Alaska Railroad Corporation for an ongoing program described in a current Memorandum of Agreement. This award for \$33,000 supports supervised summer employment for youth from the Martin Luther King, Jr., Career Center.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) and the Martin Luther King Jr., Career Center (KCC) collaborate on the Alaska Railroad Summer Youth Employment Program. This program provides on-the-job work experience and application of such curricular areas as Alaska history, cultures, geography, natural resources, flora, fauna, and tourism. ARRC furnishes facilities and resources for a meaningful summer work experience for high school students, primarily as tour guides on passenger trains and in ARRC offices. The experience prepares potential future ARRC employees by providing knowledge of railroad operations and an in-depth survey of Alaska topics.

Grant funds will be used for KCC staff to provide specific tourism-related instruction to the program's selected students. Release time enables faculty to provide instruction for students on board the trains before tourist season begins.

Budget Summary:

Contract Addenda	\$21,001
Release Time	1,250
Fringe Benefits	2,638
Program Supplies	<u>8,111</u>
TOTAL	\$33,000

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