

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #102 (2007-2008)

November 12, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT: SUBMISSION OF DISCRETIONARY
GRANTS, FIRST QUARTER 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

ASD Goal: This report listing all of the grants submitted during the first quarter of the 2007-2008 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.

Child In Transition/Homeless (CIT/H) Family Literacy Project; to the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, for \$64,054. Title I Program: To provide intergenerational literacy activities for homeless families who are sheltered at the McKinnell House. The target population is homeless families at McKinnell who have children at the North Star CIT/H preschool.

McLaughlin WIA In-and-Out of School Youth Program; to Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Alaska Workforce Investment, for \$68,866. McLaughlin Secondary School: To continue an ongoing program designed to reduce the drop-out rate of adjudicated youth offenders and to increase their opportunities for postsecondary training and careers upon graduation. Up to 25 juvenile offender youths ages 14-19 at McLaughlin Secondary School and McLaughlin Youth Center will learn occupational skills, basic skills, and work readiness skills through academic classes, vocational preparation, a work experience class, and transition services to link current learning experiences with academic opportunities and employment in the student's home community. Most of the occupational training will include paid work experience. This project has been funded.

ASD Construction Academy; a contract from the Association of General Contractors for \$671,000 to support the Anchorage Construction Academy.

The funds are from a portion of a state legislative appropriation through the Alaska Department of Commerce and Workforce Development that was awarded to the Association of General Contractors for the support of the Alaska Construction Academy, a statewide initiative. This funding will support after-school classes at the eight comprehensive high schools; Third Session classes at KCC; and KCC summer session classes. Budget consists of salary and addenda, facilities upgrades and retrofitting, equipment and course materials. This initiative is managed by ASD High School Education and Career Technology.

Turnagain Elementary Russian Immersion Program Cultural Grant; to the Alaska Community Foundation, for \$6,000. This is a proposal by MIR (Mission is Russian!) Parents, Inc. to provide sound equipment for performances at the MIR program's community cultural events.

Family Math Nights; to the Alaska Community Foundation, for \$5,000. Mathematics Program: To support Family Math Nights at 50 elementary schools by providing materials and supplies.

Partnership Grants

Alaska Railroad Youth Summer Employment Program 2008; funding through an ongoing memorandum of agreement with the Alaska Railroad, for \$33,000 for a summer 2008 project. King Career Center: To support supervised summer employment for youth through a partnership between the Alaska Railroad Corporation and KCC. This summer work experience places high school students as tour guides on passenger trains and in Railroad offices.

Siemens Engineering Academy: funding through a memorandum of understanding with the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), for \$10,000 to support FY 2008 activities. Dimond High School: To inaugurate a pilot for a four-year Siemens Engineering Academy at Dimond High School, as part of a partnership formed by Siemens Corporation, ACTE, the University of Alaska, and the Anchorage School District. Funds can be used for staff development, books, software, supplies, or other necessary development costs.

Mini-grants

Anchorage Concert Chorus Young Choral Arrangers Project; to the ASCAP Foundation for \$3,800. Bartlett High School: To provide additional training and workshops on choral arranging for students in Bartlett High School's choir. This project was not funded.

Super Saturdays; to the Alaska Community Foundation for \$2,000. Gifted Program: To provide art and science supplies for the Gifted Program's Super Saturdays series at eight Title I elementary schools.

Best Buy te@ch Grants; to Best Buy Children's Foundation, for awards of Best Buy gift cards at \$2,000 per winning school. This competition looks for programs that engage students by creatively integrating interactive technology into the curriculum.

- Airport Heights Elementary: Supports equipment for students to produce movies, photos and printed media for the creation of cultural projects through study of other countries and research in their own neighborhoods and communities.
- Homestead Elementary: Supports computer and recording equipment for students to create book podcasts to share the books they have read and reviewed.
- Ocean View Elementary: Supports computer and recording equipment for students to create music electronically.
- Ursa Major Elementary: Provides computer, recording, projecting and printing equipment for students to expand their video and podcast projects so that these can be shared with other classrooms, parents, the community, and deployed military parents.
- Ursa Minor Elementary: Provides computer, software, and a printer for students to produce iBooks and photo and digital narrations about their families, to be sent to deployed parents in Iraq War and for posting onto a class blog.
- Willow Crest Elementary: Supports digital cameras and scanners to expand students' capabilities for exploring and creating web content for their website, "Wolverine Web."
- Mirror Lake Middle School: Provides high definition digital cameras and memory cards for use by students in their "Space Week: The Eggle Has Landed!" rocket competition students. The equipment will be used to design and test rockets, record events and chart data, and design a project website.
- Service High School: Provides digital video and audio recording equipment for Freshman Academy students to produce films, media literacy projects, podcasts, oral history recordings, and personal essays, in support of the Freshman Academy's Technology Integration Program objectives.

Tri-M Music Honor Society Project, Disney Minnie Grant 2007; to Youth Service America, for \$500. East High School student Ceylon Mitchell II: To engage students in East High's Tri-M Music Honor Society chapter in a service project with elementary students. Funds will provide musical instrument

supplies for tutoring of beginning sixth grade band and orchestra students at Russian Jack. The Disney Minnie grant program is a national competition. This project has been funded for \$500.

Prints of Pride; to the Kids In Need Foundation \$500. Turnagain Elementary: To purchase a poster printer so students can create and print posters of themselves as part a book review presentation project.

Airport Heights Community Grant for Sleds; to the Wal-Mart Foundation for a donation of 30 sleds. Airport Heights Elementary: To provide sleds for use by students, parents and community groups for winter family fun and exercise on the sledding hill at Ptarmigan.

East High Special Education Reading Class; to Fred Meyer Stores for \$321. East High School: To purchase master lock cables and CD/cassette players for the 9-12th grade special education reading class so that students can hear books on CDs and cassettes to improve their reading skills.

Arts Excursion Grant for Turnagain Elementary; to the Alaska State Council on the Arts for \$300. Turnagain Elementary: To provide transportation for students to attend the Anchorage Theater of Youth's play "Ramona Quinby" at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts on October 18, 2007. This project has been funded.

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