

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #160 (2007-2008)

January 14, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: MEARS MIDDLE SCHOOL
PTSA TEACHER GRANTS

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by ... challenging each student academically; maximizing opportunities for lifelong learning, including the development of 21st century skills.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant in the amount of \$46,179 from the Mears Middle School PTSA for Mears Middle School.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Mears Middle School PTSA has established an annual grant competition that is open to Mears teachers for the purpose of supporting the education of Mears students. In fall 2007, Mears teachers submitted applications totaling \$77,624 for classroom equipment and supplies, hardware and software, and sports equipment for both core courses and elective courses.

The PTSA grant, at \$46,179, funds such items as holographic equipment, multimedia projectors, frogs for dissection and DVD players for science classes, writing program materials, E-Books, robotics equipment, rocket-launching materials, GPS units, ski equipment, a weather station upgrade, incentives for at-risk students, and a computer lab retrofit.

Budget Summary:

Equipment	\$ 35,973
Teaching Supplies	<u>10,206</u>
Total	\$ 46,179

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