

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #197 (2007-2008)

February 25, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: FRED MEYER
FOUNDATION FOR CREEKSIDE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, caring, and barrier-free schools; and promoting health and wellness.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant in the amount of \$7,000 from the Fred Meyer Foundation for Creekside Park Elementary School.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Fred Meyer Foundation has continued its partnership with Creekside Park Elementary School in providing resources that help meet basic needs so that students can focus on learning. A precedent is Creekside's *Food for Thought Program*, which Fred Meyer has supported in the past. *Food for Thought* provides healthful classroom snacks for children who come to school hungry, who cannot bring lunch, or who cannot pay for lunch. The need is compellingly documented by many visits to the nurse for treatment of stomach aches in the late afternoon.

Creekside is expanding its *Food for Thought* program and re-naming it *Healthy Minds and Bodies*. The need for food is correlated with a need for basic clothing for many children at Creekside. They need hats, gloves, winter coats, boots, and snow pants to arrive at school ready for learning and ready for outdoor physical activity at recess. In addition to healthful classroom snacks, the Fred Meyer grant will provide winter clothing for specific children who are identified by the school's Title I staff.

Budget:

Student Supplies and Food \$7,000

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