

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #227 (2007-2008)

March 3, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: PRIOR APPROVAL OF DISCRETIONARY GRANT:
CAROL M. WHITE PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by promoting health and wellness and collaborating with other community agencies to maximize opportunities for lifelong learning.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the Anchorage School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to apply for a grant from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools' Carol M. White Physical Education Program. The preliminary budget estimate is \$350,000 per year.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The U.S. Department of Education Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools has issued a notice inviting applications for the Carol M. White Physical Education Program. This competition invites three-year proposals for programs in physical education and physical activity for K-12 students. The Anchorage School District's proposal will include professional development, curriculum, and equipment to support the district's initiative for increasing physical education in the elementary schools from sixty to ninety minutes each week, beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. Professional development for approximately twenty-five newly hired physical education teachers will include classroom management for modified settings, lesson design, and curriculum adaptation to modified settings to the extent that this is feasible. The proposal also will identify one or more community organizations to provide before-and after-school activities. This project is consistent with the Health and Physical Education Program's Six-Year Instructional Plan.

Funds will support professional development, curriculum enhancements, equipment and supplies, contracted services for community activities providers, project coordination, and evaluation. The program requires a 10 percent local in-kind match in the first year and a 25 percent match in the second and third years. Major in-kind contributions consist of salaries for elementary physical education teachers, locally budgeted equipment costs, and administrators' time.

CC/RG/ES/PM/SV/BT

Prepared by: Enid Silverstein, Executive Director, Curriculum/Instructional Support
Patricia McRae, Executive Director, Elementary Education
Sharon Vaissiere, Coordinator, Health and Physical Education
Beverly Thornburg, Coordinator, Discretionary Grants

Approved by: Rhonda Gardner, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction