

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #240 (2007-2008)

April 14, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: ALASKA MENTAL  
HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY IN SUPPORT OF HEALTH  
CAREER PATHWAYS

*ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, caring, and barrier-free schools; promoting health and wellness; challenging each student academically; maximizing opportunities for lifelong learning; and collaborating with other community agencies to maximize opportunities for lifelong learning.*

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant award from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority in the amount of \$46,000.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority has awarded \$46,000 to the Anchorage School District for the implementation of health career pathways involving tech-prep agreements with the University of Alaska, Anchorage.

Staff from the ASD Health and Physical Education Department, Career and Technical Education Department, King Career Center, Health Services, Service High School, UAA, Alaska State Department of Labor, Area Health Education Center and numerous other agencies and organizations came together in the fall of 2007 to discuss the need for and approaches to meeting workforce demand in the area of health care. Creating opportunities for high school students to get knowledge and skills training in health careers is paramount to addressing the need.

In response, a Personal Care Assistant (PCA) course has been developed for the third session at KCC, with a planned expansion of this course to Service High

School in the fall of 2008. At the same time, the PCA course at KCC will bridge to a more advanced Certified Nurse Assistant course in the 2008-2009 school year.

Funds from this award are for equipment, texts and transportation of students to and from practicum experiences at clinical sites.

Budget Summary:

Classroom equipment	\$32,500
Teaching supplies	5,500
Local travel	<u>8,000</u>
TOTAL	\$46,000

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