

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #38 (2008-2009)

August 11, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: AASB-CDL CONSORTIUM  
FOR DIGITAL LEARNING

*ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by maximizing opportunities for lifelong learning, including the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.*

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the superintendent to accept additional grant funds from the Alaska Association of School Boards (AASB) in the amount of \$104,257, or approximately one-half of the cost of this project expansion. The remaining \$103,364 for this project expansion will be paid by ASD and was approved by the board during its 2008-2009 budget process.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The 1:1 grant is a partnership between ASD and AASB to provide computer hardware and software and professional development services to an additional team of Wendler Middle School teachers and students. The project began in the 2006-2007 school year and focused on one seventh grade team. During the 2007-2008 school year, an additional eighth grade team was added. This expansion will provide for an additional full team at the seventh grade level for the 2008-2009 school year.

The primary goal of the 1:1 Learning initiative/project remains increasing student achievement through effective technology integration into curricula and instruction. The purpose therefore is the following:

1. Improve student academic achievement in content areas, including the technology literacy of all students.

2. Improve the capacity of teachers to integrate technology effectively into curricula and instruction.

The 1:1 Learning initiative/project is aligned with ASD School Board goals and Wendler’s School Action Plan. As a recipient, Wendler may support the following activities:

1. Implementing proven and effective courses and curricula that include integrated technologies that are designed to help students reach challenging academic standards.
2. Using technology to promote parental involvement and foster communication among students, parents, and teachers about curricula, assignments and assessments.
3. Adapting or expanding applications of technology to enable teachers to increase student academic achievement, including technology literacy, through teaching practices that are based on the review of relevant research through the use of innovative strategies.

Project Scope: Wendler Middle School

Wendler will equip an entire seventh grade teaching team consisting of 130 students and four teachers with a laptop. The new seventh grade teachers will benefit from on-going professional development opportunities as well as mentoring from experienced 1:1 teachers at Wendler. With three full teams in place, Wendler will continue to lead the district in the development of a model 1:1 program

Budget Summary

Contracted Services	\$ 5,013
Supplies/Materials/Media	56,064
Equipment	<u>146,544</u>
Total	\$207,621
AASB Contribution	\$104,257
ASD Contribution	<u>103,364</u>
Total	\$207,621

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