

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #45 (2008-2009)

August 25, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: COMPREHENSIVE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PREVENTION AND EARLY
INTERVENTION SERVICES

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, caring, and barrier-free schools; promoting health and wellness; continuing to retain, recruit, and train highly qualified staff; challenging each student academically; maximizing opportunities for lifelong learning; offering reinforcing extracurricular activities; and collaborating with other community agencies to maximize opportunities for lifelong learning.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant award from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services in the amount of \$179,325.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has awarded \$179,325 to the Anchorage School District for the first year of a three-year project through Safe and Drug Free Schools.

This project, "Empowering Students to Lead II", continues the original "Empowering Students to Lead" initiative at East, Service, and Dimond high schools and expands it to Eagle River High School. The project uses the Search Institute's *Change of Heart* training to promote and grow healthy high school communities, empowering students to be change agents in the climate and cultures of their schools. *Change of Heart* helps students examine their own judgments and prejudices in a small group format. The program prepares students as peer trainers, with faculty as advisors.

The grant will fund a full-time project coordinator through Safe and Drug Free Schools, and a site coordinator at each of the four high schools at .2 FTE. The grant will also fund approximately 35 substitute days per school for teacher release for *Change of Heart* training and activities.

Grant expenditures are for salaries and benefits.

Budget Summary, Year One:

Salaries	\$131,194
Employee Benefits	41,749
Indirect costs	<u>6,382</u>
TOTAL	\$179,325

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