

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #101 (2008-2009)

October 13, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF CONTINUATION CONTRACT AGREEMENT:
THE ALASKA INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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 authorize the Superintendent to accept a continuation contract agreement from the Association of Alaska School Boards in the amount of \$135,000.

PERTINENT FACTS:

In 2001, the United States Congress earmarked \$2,000,000 for the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) for seven years for The Alaska Initiative for Community Engagement (AK ICE). The project's purpose is to "provide Alaskans, at the local level, with the information, tools and assistance to become intentionally engaged in the shared responsibility for educating children and youth." This will be accomplished "through an integrated, four-component approach utilizing the developmental asset framework." The approach includes: "1) training and technical assistance to communities and school districts, 2) materials and resources to use media to increase the community support of teenagers, 3) coordination of Alaska's already diverse community-based efforts, and 4) materials and resources that engage each of these sectors in the intentional increase in the number of developmental assets in the youth they influence."

The AASB has partnered with the Anchorage School District's Safe and Drug

Free Schools Program (SDFS) during the past six years to further school efforts to increase developmental assets. Through this one-year continuation of the contractual agreement, SDFS will continue with the following efforts:

- Assign 1.00 FTE for the District’s School Climate Teacher Expert/Coach, who works with teachers and staff on implementing Change of Heart, Be the Change and other school climate efforts.
- Work with self-selected schools to develop and implement their own developmental asset-based effort. Schools will be given funds to assist with this.
- Contribute toward an ASD/SDFS Assets Fair to highlight school, community, and youth asset-building efforts, and to illuminate assets’ effect on student achievement.

Budget Summary:

Salaries	\$ 71,186
Added duty - certificated	17,530
Added duty - non-certificated	3,884
Substitutes	1,920
Employee Benefits	25,531
Contractual Services	8,000
Mileage	1,400
Office Supplies	1,500
Contracted Services - Copier	300
Teaching Supplies	2,000
Meals and Food	1,749
TOTAL	<u>\$135,000</u>

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