

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #117 (2008-2009)

November 10, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT: SUBMISSION OF DISCRETIONARY GRANTS, FIRST
QUARTER 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

PERTINENT FACTS:

The purpose of this report is to inform the School Board on a quarterly basis of new grants that have been submitted for funding.

Eagle River MicroSociety Program; to the Charlotte Martin Foundation for \$25,535.

Eagle River Elementary: To build capacity to increase the effectiveness and reach of the MicroSociety Program at Eagle River Elementary. Grant funds will support staff development for teachers to deepen curricular connections within the school and with other schools; materials and supplies for student entrepreneurs; and staff to coordinate the growth of the school's MicroSociety program.

Transformational Leadership: A Professional Development Model for K-12 School Principals; to the U.S. Department of Education for \$1,331,484 for a 36-month project. ASD Safe and Drug Free Schools Program, in collaboration with American Institutes for Research (AIR): To develop a Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) professional development leadership model for elementary, middle, and high school principals. The project will develop cadres of principal leaders with accreditation through the University of Alaska.

Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy Grant; to ExxonMobil, National Science Teachers Association and Math Solutions, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, for travel expenses. Denali Elementary School: Supports travel expenses for teachers of grades three to five to attend a one-week math and science summer academy in New Jersey in July of 2009.

Best Buy Teach Awards; to Best Buy Children's Foundation, for awards of Best Buy gift cards ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. This competition looks for programs that engage students by creatively integrating interactive technology into the curriculum.

- Bayshore Elementary: Provides a tablet computer and projector adapter and accessories to improve student engagement, comprehension, and interest in history and Social Studies classes.
- Bowman Elementary: Provides a tablet PC and accessories to expand students' use of hands-on technology for science research outdoors and for online research.
- Mt. Iliamna School: Provides video game systems with accessories and new interactive games to help students develop motor control and cooperative learning skills.
- Gruening Middle School: Provides LCD projectors so that each of the four core subject area teams and one elective team.
- Nicholas Begich Middle School: Provides equipment to enhance the production of student-generated health and science information brochures.
- Romig Middle School: Provides multimedia equipment to enhance video production by Romig students.
- Russian Jack Elementary: Provides 12 camcorders for more students at Russian Jack to participate in video productions for classroom projects and for sharing with the school, such as docudramas about ancient civilizations, demonstration of math skills, and Open House informational presentations.
- Sand Lake Elementary: Provides DVD camcorders, LCD projectors and accessories for intermediate students to work in groups to write, plan, edit, and produce short films on Character Count topics.
- Turnagain Elementary: Provides digital cameras, printer/copier/scanner, and headphones to expand students' publishing capabilities and to reduce distractions.
- Hanshew Middle School: Provides an LCD projector with camera and a wall-mounted projector screen for student report presentations.
- Hanshew Middle School: Provides digital cameras, a projector, a printer/scanner, and accessories for students to produce more and better quality iMovies.

Mears Middle School PTSA Teacher Grants; awarded by Mears Middle School PTSA in the amount of \$38,158 for the FY 2009 school year, for computer lab retrofit and Smart Boards.

Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year Award; through Wal-Mart Stores, \$1,000 was awarded to William Tyson Elementary teacher Cheryl Ondra. This award recognizes teachers who are making a difference in their school and community.

Building Skills for the Community; to the Municipality of Anchorage, Eagle River/Chugiak Parks, Recreation and Community Development, for \$4,500. Mirror Lake Middle School: To provide adult supervision and building supplies for student construction of a portable winter timing building which can be used in community outdoor winter recreational events.

Turnagain Elementary School Skating Rink and Playground Repair, Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant; to Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation for \$3,947. Turnagain Elementary School: To repair and paint the ice skating rink and playground.

McLaughlin Drama Program; Cultural Collaborations Program Project Grant; to the Alaska State Council on the Arts, for \$6,000. McLaughlin Secondary School: To expand a short-term drama program offered by Out North for McLaughlin Secondary students. The project develops two-month teaching modules for small groups of students. The grant provides teaching artists for six modules. Students create, write, rehearse, and present works that address social and cultural issues. This project has been funded for \$6,000.

Russian American Colony Singers, Arts and Culture Programs, Cultural Collaborations Access Grant; to the Rasmuson Foundation for \$1,000. Turnagain Elementary: To fund Russian cultural performances by two Russian American Colony Singers for 200 students in grades 3-5. This project has been funded for \$1,000.

Ballroom Dancing, Cultural Collaborations - Access Grant; to the Rasmuson Foundation, for \$1,000. Mirror Lake Middle School: To fund a professional dance instructor to teach students the art and fun of ballroom dancing.

Northwood ABC Arts and Culture Programs--Arts Excursions Grant; to the Rasmuson Foundation for \$1,000. Northwood ABC Elementary: To provide bus transportation for primary students to attend three Alaska Junior Theater performances in October, December and May. This project has been funded for \$1,000.

Family Math Nights; to the Alaska Community Foundation, for \$5,400. Math Program: To support Family Math Nights at 54 elementary schools. Funds are for parent outreach, family workshop supplies, and hands-on math activities for families to take home with them. This project has not been funded.

West Anchorage High School Project Ignition!; to the Alaska Community Foundation, for \$4,995. West Anchorage High School: To support West's Project Ignition, an initiative to increase high school success for ninth grade students by conducting a whole-class orientation and by connecting freshmen with trained upperclass Mentors. Grant funds will support staff and Mentor training and equipment and supplies.

Alaska Math Consortium Basic Institute; to BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc., for \$9,780. Math Program: To fund ASD math teachers as instructors for the annual Alaska

Math Consortium Basic Institute for Anchorage area teachers. This project has not been funded.

Wal-Mart Foundation Grant; to the Wal-Mart Foundation, for \$1,000. Taku Elementary: To support family events for the school, such as multi-cultural night, Family Nights, and the end-of-the-year picnic.

Anchorage Construction Academy; to the Association of General Contractors for \$856,479. Career and Technology Education: To continue the King Career Center's Anchorage Construction Academy. Funds will support after-school classes at the eight comprehensive high schools; Third Session classes at KCC; and KCC summer session classes. Budget consists of salary and addenda, facilities upgrades and retrofitting, equipment and course materials. This project has been funded for \$856,479.

Campbell Creek Science Center Bus Transportation for Water Education Festival; to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Campbell Creek Science Center Science Program, for \$2,000 for a one-time event. Science Program: To provide student bus transportation for 1,000 4th grade students in Anchorage to attend a water education festival September 10-12, 2008. This project has been funded for \$2,000.

Mini-Grants

BP Fabric of America Fund; to BP America, Inc., for \$500. Mirror Lake Middle School: To provide food and supplies for student recognition programs--Honor Roll and Breakfast of Champions. This project has been funded for \$500.

Can You Guess? 2008 Kids In Need Teacher Grant; to Kids In Need Foundation and Fred Meyer Fund for \$430. Airport Heights Elementary: To provide Proscope microscopes for 60 third grade students to explore and learn about Alaskan plants.

Mirror Lake Middle School Arts and Culture Programs--Arts Excursions Grant; to the Rasmuson Foundation for \$600. Mirror Lake Middle School: To provide tickets for students from Mirror Lake's Piano Keyboarding/Music Exploratory classes to see the Broadway Musical "Annie" at the Performing Arts Center in March. This project has been funded for \$600.

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