

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #239 (2008-2009)

March 23, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AND CONTRACT AWARDS:
CONTINUATION FUNDING FOR ADMINISTRATION OF 2009
YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY

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 an Alaska Department of Education and Early Development continuation grant of \$35,000 for the administration of the 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Every other year the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development and the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services coordinate the administration of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. This survey is conducted in all 50 states and serves as the benchmark measure of adolescent behavior. The Anchorage School District participated in the 2003 administration, which enabled the state to have representative statewide data, and in the 2005 and 2007 administration, which enabled the city to have representative district data.

The administration of the 2009 YRBS will take place the week of February 9 and will be coordinated by ASD Safe and Drug Free Schools. State grant funds will support the most substantial portion of the costs to the District. The state law regarding student surveys will be followed completely; only students with active

parent consent will participate. If enough parent permission forms are returned, an Anchorage sample will be obtained in addition to a statewide sample.

Budget Summary:

Salaries and Benefits	\$26,804
Office Supplies	600
Student Incentives	6,672
Indirect costs	<u>924</u>
TOTAL	\$35,000

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