

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #255 (2008-2009)

March 23, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: ALASKA NETWORK FOR
UNDERSTANDING AMERICAN HISTORY TEACHING WITH
PRIMARY SOURCES

ASD Goal: Increase student academic achievement using data to guide methods, materials, and professional development; maximizing opportunities for lifelong learning; challenging each student academically; 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 two grant awards from the Metropolitan State College of Denver and U.S. Library of Congress, in the amount of \$19, 996 to support professional development in the use of Library of Congress primary source materials.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The U.S. Library of Congress has awarded an administrative contract to the Metropolitan State College of Denver to create and coordinate a regional network of institutions with a charge to disseminate information on the use of Library of Congress primary sources. The Metropolitan College of Denver in fall 2008 announced a Teaching with Primary Sources Enhancement Grant competition. The purpose of this program is to assist local and regional professional development efforts in use of Library of Congress resources.

The District's current Teaching American History grant project, the Alaska Network for Understanding American History, has won two Enhancement Grant awards for FY 2009. The first award enables ASD to work with the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) to establish two online, self-paced, one-credit course shells for graduate credit. These courses will methodically introduce teachers to the use of Library of Congress online materials. The Library of Congress is an

exceptionally rich source of primary documents, photographs and visuals, and video and audio files for teaching American history. The courses will help make the Library of Congress accessible to teachers in Anchorage and throughout Alaska. The second award dovetails with the first, creating a training of trainers graduate credit course through UAA to prepare teams of teachers, librarians, and technology specialists from Anchorage and rural districts as Library of Congress "Teaching of Primary Sources" facilitators. They will recruit and support teachers in their districts as they follow the self-paced program of study developed through the first grant award.

Primary grant expenditures for the first award are for course instructor fees, tuition reimbursements, and materials. The second award supports instructor fees, tuition reimbursements, and travel reimbursements for facilitator teams to travel to Anchorage for initial training at the 2009 ASDSA. The program does not support indirect costs.

Budget Summary

Grant Award #1:	
Added Duty - Certificated	\$ 2,580
Employee Benefits	388
Contractual Services - Instruction	5,000
Office Supplies	228
Teaching Supplies	<u>1,800</u>
TOTAL	\$ 9,996

Grant Award #2:	
Added Duty - Certificated	\$ 3,090
Employee Benefits	464
Contractual Services - Instruction	<u>6,446</u>
TOTAL	\$10,000

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