

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #232 (2008-2009)

March 23, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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

This report listing all of the grants submitted during the second quarter of the 2008-2009 school year addresses the Anchorage School District Mission to educate all students for success in life.

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.

Empowering Students to Lead: *Change of Heart* and *Be the Change*; to CRP, Incorporated, for \$30,000. Safe and Drug Free Schools Program: To guide improvements to the training of student workshop leaders for *Change of Heart* and *Be the Change*. The project evaluates training for student trainers, conducts research on the efficacy of the training model, and enhances the model. This project has not been funded.

PASCH Grant; received from the Federal Republic of Germany for \$21,371. Rilke Schule German School of Arts & Sciences: To support the German immersion program. Funds will provide program coordination; professional development for teachers through travel to Germany and to a national immersion conference; and curriculum materials for the immersion program.

The Manning Family Foundation Grant; received from the Manning Family Foundation, for \$5,000. Romig Middle School: To purchase technology and replacement furniture.

Alaska Railroad Summer 2009 Youth Employment Program; to the Alaska Railroad, for \$34,000 for a three-month summer project. King Career Center: To continue a partnership between the Alaska Railroad and Martin Luther

King, Jr. Career Center to provide an educational summer work experience for high schools students, primarily as tour guides on passenger trains and in Railroad offices. This project has been funded.

Healthy Food, Healthy Body, Love Your Veggies School Grant; to Hidden Valley, for \$15,000. Aurora Elementary: To encourage Aurora Elementary School students to consume fresh healthy produce on a daily basis. The project takes place in February and November, five days per week. Approximately 400 students will sample fresh fruits and vegetables at school and learn about how nutrients contribute to a healthy body. At a Parent's Night, parents will be given fruit and vegetable recipes and taught how to incorporate them into their children's diets. This project has not been funded.

Alaskans for Better Choices Grant; donation received from Alaskans for Better Choices, for \$63,640. Safe and Drug Free Schools Program: To support school-based youth development and social and emotional learning.

Hanshew Middle School Internet Safety Night Ice Cream Social; to Dryer's Ice Cream; for \$200 for an ice cream social for student teams that had the greatest parent participation during Internet Safety Night. This project has not been funded.

Bartlett High School Robotics Team; to the Alaska Computer Society, for computers. Alaska Robotics Association: To provide new computers capable of supporting current software for programming and testing robots created by the Bartlett School Robotics Team. This equips the team to compete in the annual regional competition in March 2009. This project has been funded at \$943.

Strengthening Technology-based Instruction; to The Braitmayer Foundation, for \$10,000. Whaley School: To design and initiate a pilot computer training center that trains students in software that is used in the workplace and includes job exploration. The grant provides desktop computers, travel and registration for teacher trainings, and release time for teachers to visit and review local job training centers.

Arts Educator Grant; to Alaska State Council on the Arts/Rasmuson Foundation, for \$3,000. Bartlett High School: To provide a week-long residency in professional opera/theatre in Seattle for Bartlett's drama teacher. The grant pays for hotel, airfare, seminars, workshops, theatre tickets, and meals. This project has been funded at \$2,000.

Airport Heights Elementary School Book Club; to the Aleut Corporation for \$250. Airport Heights Elementary School: To create a book club for the Native community. This project has been funded.

Campbell Creek Science Center Bus Transportation for Title I Schools; to Friends of the Campbell Creek Science Center, for \$2,000. Title I schools: To provide bus transportation for students to attend winter educational activities at the Campbell Creek Science Center. This project has been funded.

ASD 21st Century Alaska Community Learning Centers; to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, for \$550,000 for the first year of a 60-month project. 21st Century Community Learning Center Program: To provide an after-school enrichment program for Title I students in core academics, homework help, tutoring, drug and alcohol abuse prevention, technology training, recreation and the arts. This project continues four 21st Century Alaska Community Learning Centers for five years, starting in FY 2010, at Muldoon, Ptarmigan, Russian Jack, and Wonder Park Elementary Schools.

TopSchoolFundraisers.com; to Top School Fundraisers, for \$4,000. Mt. Iliamna Elementary: To provide arts and craft supplies, cooking supplies, and sewing supplies and materials for special needs students to enhance their social and emotional learning and to learn life skills.

Healthy and Thriving Communities; to First Alaskans Institute, for \$34,940. Begich, Clark and Romig Middle Schools: To deepen and enhance the study of Velma Wallis' *Two Old Women*, a core novel in the ASD 7th grade language arts program. The project incorporates iPods into the cultural teaching and learning experience. The project produces a three-week curriculum unit. This project has not been funded.

Super Saturday Enrichment Ski Trip; to First National Bank Alaska, for \$2,500 for an outdoor education experience. Gifted Education: To provide a Super Saturday Enrichment event at Hilltop Ski Area for 100 gifted students from Title I schools. This project has not been funded.

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