

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #256 (2008-2009)

April 13, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: PRIOR APPROVAL OF GRANT AWARD: PROVIDENCE HEIGHTS,
SCHOOL FOR THE HANDICAPPED

ASD Goal: *Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by maximizing opportunities for lifelong learning.*

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept the Department of Education contract for the instructional support component of the Providence Heights, School for the Handicapped in the amount of \$145,000.

PERTINENT FACTS:

This grant for the Providence Heights, School for the Handicapped is for the instructional support component which includes the supervisor, special education teacher and teacher assistant. The grant covers the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Providence Heights is the on-site school program provided by the Anchorage School District for all school-age students admitted to Alaska Psychiatric Institute. The majority of students eligible for services at API are patients admitted to the Chilkat unit. Longitudinal data would show that over time fifty percent of the students served at API come from the Anchorage area, while fifty percent come from various locations across the state of Alaska. The program exists to fulfill the obligation under the federal Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to provide services for special education students hospitalized in hospitals and treatment centers. While the students may be experiencing significant psychiatric disorders, only twenty-five to thirty percent of the students admitted have been identified as special education students with current Individual Educational Programs (IEPs).

The program is funded as a line item in the General Fund of the State of Alaska and is administered as a grant from the Department of Education and Early Development. The district also receives foundation funding based on the students enrolled during the October count period.

Following is a breakdown of the budget:

Salaries and Benefits	\$ 138,752.00
Supplies/Materials/Media	\$ 912.80
Indirect Cost	<u>\$ 5,335.20</u>
TOTAL	\$ 145,000.00

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