

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #34 (2009-2010)

August 10, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: MCKINNEY-VENTO
EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive learning environment by providing safe, caring, barrier-free schools, promoting health and wellness, continuing to retain, recruit and train highly qualified staff, 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 a McKinney-Vento grant from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development in the amount of \$46,346 for the first year of a two-year project, and to accept additional McKinney-Vento funds in the amount of \$100,172 awarded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Anchorage School District has been awarded a grant from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development for the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth program. The grant program is a part of the federal McKinney-Vento Act, which guarantees a free, appropriate public education for all homeless children and youth by removing barriers to their enrollment and attendance in school and supporting their educational success.

McKinney-Vento funds are administered by the Title I Child in Transition/Homeless Project (CIT/H). Funds will be used to support the educational needs of preK-12 children who are homeless. The grant project will be carried out in a manner consistent with the McKinney-Vento Act: CIT/H transports students to their preschool/school of origin, provides students with

school supplies and clothing, links students with existing school-based resources, provides tutoring programs, facilitates shelter-based family support programs, refers students and families to community supports, and collaborates with community agencies.

Grant funds support evening, weekend, and one-on-one tutoring programs for homeless elementary and secondary students. This project expands the current menu of tutoring programs to offer one-on-one tutoring for homeless students in non-Title I elementary schools. Because homeless children often arrive at shelters with little more than the clothes they are wearing, funds will provide much needed school supplies and, in some cases, shoes and winter clothing. This grant enables CIT/H to conduct developmental screenings (*Dial 3, Ages and Stages*) for children ages 0-5 to determine how well children are developing and to help families ensure that their children are ready for kindergarten. Through this grant, CIT/H teacher specialists and tutors will conduct family support programs in Anchorage homeless shelters on such topics as parenting skills, early childhood educational opportunities, tutoring programs, summer school information, and information about services available in the community. The grant will provide support for staff to attend the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth Conference in Denver, Colorado. Shelters, outreach sites, and schools help to identify students and distribute supplies.

Primary expenditures are school supplies and materials; teaching assistants; added duty/added days for teachers to conduct developmental screenings, tutoring sessions and family support programs; contracted transportation for students to attend tutoring programs; and registration and travel to the national conference.

Budget Summary, FY 2010 and FY 2011:

	<u>Regular Funds</u>	<u>ARRA Funds</u>
Salaries	\$0	\$10,000
Added Duty	0	14,250
Added Days	0	2,400
Employee Benefits	0	3,334
Staff Travel	6,000	6,000
Supplies/Materials	37,641	13,382
Registration Fees	1,000	1,000
Contracted Services	<u>0</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total Direct Costs	\$44,641	\$60,366
Indirect Costs	<u>1,705</u>	<u>2,306</u>
Total FY 2010	\$46,346	\$62,672
Total FY 2011	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$37,500</u>

TOTAL \$46,346 \$100,172

ARRA funds in the amount of \$37,500 for FY 2011 will be more specifically developed in spring 2010.

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