

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #17 (2008-2009)

August 24, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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

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.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Children and Youth Grant; to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development for \$145,000 for a 24-month project. CIT/Homeless Program: To support school success for non-Title I and secondary students in CITH. The project includes professional development, increased parental knowledge and involvement, increase in developmental screenings for ages 0-5, and school supplies for students. This project has been funded at \$146,518.

Anchorage School District Project X-C Jamboree, Saucony Run for Good Grant; to the Saucony Run for Good Foundation for \$9,978. Health/Physical Education Programs: To support Cross-country Jamboree races at each of three elementary school sites in October 2009. This culminates the August-to-October cross-country after-school running program at ASD elementary schools. The grant supports race site coordinators and assistants, equipment for the safe and efficient operation of the races, donations of running shoes to elementary students and to high school and college student groups, volunteers who help with races, and the rental of a public address/music sound system for the races.

McLaughlin WIA In-and-Out of School Youth Program, to the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development for \$67,565. McLaughlin School: To reduce the drop-out rate of adjudicated youth offenders and to increase opportunities to obtain employment, postsecondary training, and careers upon graduation. This is an ongoing program, and this project

includes follow-up support services to June 30, 2010, for youth from last year's program. Funds will provide salary and benefits for added duty pay for a coordinator/evaluator, vocational teachers, case managers, and youth counselors. Funds also will provide paid internships (minimum wage and benefits) for 25 youth participants during the 2009-2010 school year. This project has been funded at \$67,586.

Pre-AP Course Work in the Inner City Middle School, NEA Student Achievement Grant, to the NEA Foundation for \$5,000. Clark Middle School: To prepare Clark Middle School eighth grade students for AP and Honors courses in high school by offering an AP-level writing intensive as an optional elective class in November 2009 and April 2010. The grant will provide substitute teachers for high school AP teachers to teach the Intensives at Clark, as well for vertical teaming for high school AP teachers; supplies for publishing students' magazines; bus transportation and lunch for high school visits; and refreshments for the student/parent reception.

Project MIR (Mission is Russian!) Expansion: Pipeline to Proficiency, to the U.S. Department of Education for \$1,357,988 for a 60-month grant. World Languages Program with Turnagain Elementary, Romig Middle School, and West High School: To develop a high-performing K-16 pipeline for Russian language proficiency. The project expands ASD's elementary Russian K-5 partial immersion program at Turnagain Elementary School to grade six, and extends Russian partial immersion into Romig Middle School and West High School. This initiative coordinates with the University of Alaska Anchorage, involving UAA students and faculty in producing a K-16 Russian language framework, and designing a seamless transition for high school seniors to matriculate into UAA's Russian program.

Alaska Pilot Pre-Kindergarten Project (AP3), to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development for \$219,386 for a 12-month project. Title I Program in partnership with Kids' Corps Head Start: To provide a high-quality, comprehensive Pre-Kindergarten program at Creekside Park and Willow Crest elementary schools. This project has been funded for \$167,684.

Closing the Achievement Gap Through Cultural Proficiency, AFT Innovation Fund Grant, to the American Federation of Teachers for \$175,000. Anchorage Council of Education: To provide training for teachers, teacher assistants, and other ASD employees on cultural proficiency to foster a culturally responsive learning environment for students. This project has not been funded.

Game On in Alaska! Libraries, Literacy and Gaming Grant, to Verizon and the American Library Association for \$5,000. Library Program: To build middle school students' literacy skills by providing gaming equipment and literacy-embedded games to all middle school libraries. This project expands the successful gaming program *Dance Revolution*, now used at Hanshew, to all middle school libraries. It further develops gaming at Hanshew with new games and materials for family gaming events in the library; and includes business partners who provide gift certificates for students. This project has been funded.

Fred Meyer Stores has donated \$21,066 to the ASD for instructional programs and schools. The funds will be used for equipment, materials, and supplies in the schools.

Letter of Inquiry to the Braitmayer Foundation, for \$27,441. Music Department: To support music teacher training on meta-cognition skills to improve student achievement.

3M Ingenuity Grant, to the 3M Foundation, for \$2,199 for Senteo clickers for the classroom. This project has been funded.

Jenny's Heroes Grant, to The Jenny Jones Foundation, for \$25,000 for medical lab equipment for Central Middle School's Pre-Med Lab program.

Mini-Grants

Alternative Seating Classroom Supply Grant, to DonorsChoose.org for \$673 for classroom supplies. Northwood Elementary: To supply alternative seating in the form of sitting discs and ball chairs to keep active third graders focused on learning during class time. This project has been funded.

Partnership Grants

Southcentral Foundation Cooperative Agreement for Children and Youth Projects, to the Indian Health Service for \$75,000 for a 60-month project. Southcentral Foundation and Alaska Native Cultural Charter School: To create a culture of wellness by providing education activities that teach children and parents about age-appropriate nutrition, food, and physical activity. The objective is to help children live healthier lives and reverse the rising rates of obesity in our youth. The program will be based on the 75210 campaign adopted from an initiative of the Blue Cross of Massachusetts and

the Maine Center for Public Health, which helps parents in teaching their children about food choices and exercise. The memory aid is the number sequence "75210": (breakfast **7** days a week, **5** servings of fruit and vegetables a day, limit TV/computer/computer games to **2** hours a day, be active **1** hour a day, and drink **0** soda and sugar-sweetened beverages).

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