

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #89 (2009-2010)

October 12, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: ALASKANS FOR BETTER CHOICES

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, caring, and barrier-free schools; promoting health and wellness; maximizing opportunities for lifelong learning; offering reinforcing extracurricular activities; and collaborating with other community agencies to maximize opportunities for lifelong learning.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant award of an anticipated \$30,000, from Alaskans for Better Choices.

PERTINENT FACTS:

For the past 20 years, the local chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) has been conducting adult and juvenile impact panels to help reduce the incidence of driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs. Using a group of community volunteers, these monthly panels have worked in cooperation with the Alaska Court System and the state's Alcohol Safety Action Program. Under this arrangement, the court routinely requires that persons cited for certain driving violations, under-age drinking, and DUI attend a panel presented by DUI survivors and others who have been severely impacted by alcohol consumption.

In fall 2007, MADD closed its offices in Anchorage, and the group of former MADD volunteers that had worked with these issues for many years formed the

Alaskans for Better Choices (ABC). In October 2007, ABC requested that the Anchorage School District's Safe and Drug Free Schools Program (SDFS) receive the monthly donations from their adult and youth impact panels. Previously, monies generated from these panels, at \$40 per participant, had been sent to the MADD national offices. The ABC group thought that the monies should be used locally for prevention efforts. ABC asked that the district's Safe and Drug Free Schools program utilize these funds to further ASD's youth development mission in the schools.

It is anticipated that the group's donations for the 2009-2010 school year will total approximately \$30,000. SDFS will use the monies to fund school-based youth development and social and emotional learning efforts.

Budget Summary:

Added Duty – Non-certificated	\$ 4,000
Employee Benefits	1,000
Youth Mini Grants	<u>25,000</u>
TOTAL	\$30,000

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