

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #71 (2009-2010)

October 12, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF CONTINUATION GRANT AWARD:
READING IS FUNDAMENTAL, INC.

ASD Goal: Increase student academic achievement using data to guide adoption of curriculum, methods, materials, and professional development specifically designed to ensure that each group as designated by No Child Left Behind and the Quality Schools Initiative makes adequate yearly progress.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept a continuation grant from Reading is FUNdamental, Inc., in the amount of \$36,432.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Anchorage School District is in its twentieth year of participation in the federal *Reading Is Fundamental* (RIF) book-distribution program. This program operates on a matching fund basis: 75 percent from RIF and 25 percent per allocation from each participating and qualified elementary school.

A total of fifteen ASD elementary schools will participate in the RIF program during the 2009-2010 school year. The following schools are supported through a combination of federal and local (PTA) funds: Chinook, Creekside, Denali, Government Hill, Klatt, Lake Otis, Muldoon, North Star, Northwood, Ptarmigan, Turnagain, Ursa Major, Ursa Minor, Willow Crest, and Wonder Park elementary schools. The grant provides funds to support three book distributions per participating school. The distributions, which will take place between December 2009 and May 2010, will provide ownership of 17,034 books to approximately 5,678 children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

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