

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #157 (2009-2010)

November 9, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE – H1N1 MASS VACCINATION

*ASD Goal: Education in the highly diverse ASD will be accessible, culturally responsive, supportive of students, and safe.*

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant award from the Municipality of Anchorage, in the amount of \$48,000, for the purpose of vaccinating students against H1N1 infection.

PERTINENT FACTS:

During the 2008-2009 school year, the district conducted 16 mass vaccination exercises in elementary schools. These exercises required creation and testing of a Point of Dispensing Plan. Development of the plan—and the exercises themselves—were funded by the municipal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). While the district was conducting its final exercises, the H1N1 virus arrived in the United States and proliferated. Very soon state and federal expectations were made known to us: schools would be encouraged to participate in community H1N1 vaccination efforts. Because of our fresh experience with operations of this kind, DHHS asked us to assist Anchorage by vaccinating all ASD students who wanted the protection. DHHS offered to help defray our expenses through this additional grant. The district determined we would run the requested vaccination campaign, and make it a required disaster exercise for each school.

Approval of this recommendation will allow the the district to hire, at DHHS expense, a contractor to assist the district in planning and scheduling the fall campaign, delivering table top training to principals in advance of the clinics, conducting after action analysis, and preparing supporting documentation. Authorization will furthermore allow for the use of substitute nurses and other staff to back-fill for those needed to work in the various vaccination clinics, at DHHS expense.

Cost categories are as follows:

Logistics and Planning (contractual)	\$20,000
ASD Nurses and other Staff (back-fill sub pay)	25,000
Planning Staff salaries	1,234
Grant Administration	<u>1,766</u>
	\$48,000

The ultimate source of the funds is the CDC's Public Health Emergency Response grant. The federal funds are passed through the state to the municipality, which makes a sub-grant to the district for this project.

The vaccine itself is free from the state. DHHS will provide medical supplies (syringes, swabs, gloves, etc.) as a further contribution. The district's in-kind contribution consists of support from Health Services, Security & Emergency Preparedness, and other departments as necessary to oversee the exercises and the plan development.

CC/MA/MM/BT

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