

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #99 (2009-2010)

November 9, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT: SUBMISSION OF DISCRETIONARY GRANTS,
FIRST QUARTER 2009-2010 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.

Raise Your Voice; to State Farm Youth Advisory Board, for \$86,826. Safe and Drug-Free Schools: To expand the *Raise Your Voice* youth grants program, a successful youth-led service-learning initiative that addresses underage drinking. High school-based student organizations create media and live presentations as peer messages. This project expands the media venues and audiences to include the wider public.

Project Challenge: Service and Leadership through Challenge Course: to State Farm Youth Advisory Board, for \$99,450. Bartlett High School: To construct an indoor Challenge Course at Bartlett High School for student-led experiential learning that builds leadership, a wider school community, academic and post-secondary goals, and social and emotional learning skills. The project is based in Bartlett's PACE and Leadership classes.

Alaska Native Cultural Charter School Native Drumming and Dancing Cultural Collaborations Project Grant; to the Alaska State Council on the Arts, for \$6,000 for an eight-month grant. Alaska Native Cultural Charter School: To provide an after-school Alaska Native drumming, song, and dance program. The grant will be used to purchase materials to make drums for students, materials to create performance outfits, hire Native artist instructors, and pay group leaders. This project has been funded at \$3,000.

Picturing Alaska/Picturing Anchorage was granted \$12,000 by the Alaska Humanities for the ASD social studies program to further localize the District's implementation of Picturing America. This initiative from the National Endowment for the Humanities disseminates reproductions of great

American art. Picturing Alaska/Picturing Anchorage includes local and state history for second grade through sixth grade.

Nicholas Joseph Begich Middle School Service Learning Composting Program; to the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development's *Serve Alaska* competition for \$6,491. Begich Middle School: To develop a school cafeteria recycling/composting program that involves all students at Begich in learning about reducing solid waste and the benefits of recycling it. This project has been funded at \$2,000.

Fire Lake Writing Project Target Community Leadership Grant; to the Target Foundation for \$2,500. Fire Lake Elementary: To improve students' writing skills through a home writing project based on the school's mascot, the Firebird. The project provides backpacks filled with writing supplies and a Baby Firebird stuffed animal which students check out to write about Baby Firebird's adventures with them during family activities. The project also provides digital cameras for students in upper grades to convert writing samples to digital storytelling formats.

Emergency Response H1N1 Mass Vaccination, a grant for \$48,000 from the Municipality of Anchorage Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), will be administered by ASD Security and Emergency Preparedness to operate a districtwide H1N1 vaccination campaign for all ASD students. The grant provides funds for contracted services, release time for school nurses and staff, table top disaster exercises for principals, analysis and documentation.

The Manning Family Foundation has awarded \$7,000 to Romig Middle School to support its instructional program. Funds will support technology, replacement furniture, and instructional supplies.

Partnership Grants

Anchorage Construction Academy, has received a \$674,519 contract with the Construction Education Foundation to strengthen and expand ASD's Construction Academy in all eight comprehensive high schools and at Martin Luther King Jr. Career Center. The award will support the after-school Materials Science and Construction Trades, Surveying, and Blueprint Reading classes at the comprehensive high schools; Third Session classes at KCC; and KCC summer session classes.

Mini-Grants

Target Field Trip Grants; to Target for grants of up to \$800 to support educational field trips.

- College Gate Elementary *Wheels on the Bus:* For first grade students to visit the Musk Oxen Farm to study the musk oxen as part of their science unit on prehistoric animals.
- Begich Middle School for choir students to travel to nearby Assisted Living or nursing homes to give concerts to the residents.

Anchorage Schools Foundation Grants; to The Anchorage Schools Foundation for grants from \$100 to \$500.

- Airport Heights Elementary *Airport Heights Elementary School Garden:* \$1,250 to build a garden of raised beds on school grounds to grow potatoes and carrots. Students will plan and build the garden, will take part in a celebratory meal for the community, and will take part in lessons about hunger in the United States.
- East High School *Field Trip to the Anchorage Museum for Recently Immigrated Students:* \$500 for a field trip to the Anchorage Museum for 50-60 recently immigrated students at East High to learn about Alaskan art and history. Students will produce a multimedia presentation for other students and staff at East High.
- College Gate Elementary *Taking the Right Steps: A Plan to Combine Exercise and Reading Before School at College Gate Elementary:* \$800 to establish a before-school walking/reading program. Students will earn credits by walking before school in the mornings, Monday through Thursday, and then will use their credits to buy paperback books from a newly established school "Library Club" store run by fifth and sixth grade students. On Fridays before school students may use the library to read their books.

Mirror Lake Middle School Cultural Collaborations Arts Excursions Grant; to the Alaska State Council on the Arts, was funded at \$500 for a field trip experience for students.

Gladys Wood Elementary Cultural Collaborations Arts Excursions Grant; to the Alaska State Council on the Arts, for \$600 for a field trip. Gladys Wood Elementary: To take 50 students in grades three and four to the Alaska Native Cultural Heritage Center's school program. Students will attend the Native Stories and String Stories program, view a film, and tour the village sites. Back in the classroom, they will study the Alaska Native cultures, the history and geography of Alaska, and current issues facing Alaska Natives.

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