

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM # 188 (2009-2010)

January 11, 2010

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: ANCHORAGE
ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS MINI-GRANTS

ASD Goal: All students will graduate from high school college and career ready.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development in the amount of \$29,381, for four Anchorage School District alternative schools: AVAIL, COHO, Crossroads, and Continuation Program. The awards will fund action plans at each school which are designed to increase students' health and wellness behaviors and to strengthen their bonds to school.

PERTINENT FACTS:

DEED has received funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support prevention of high-risk behaviors. The initiative began in FY 2008-2009. National data indicate that students in alternative school settings are disproportionately at risk. Thus, DEED has directed these grant funds statewide to alternative high schools serving at-risk students. In November 2008, principals and small teams from alternative high schools gathered in Anchorage for a DEED-facilitated planning session. There, they networked with other alternative schools; learned about available information, resources, and training options for health interventions; and wrote mini-grant action plans tailored for their individual schools. This fall, DEED has applied findings from the first phase to include additional schools and to unify the efforts.

These action plans are designed for the needs and priorities of each school. Overall, they include initiatives and activities to increase attendance and bonding to school, on-site teen issues groups, reading on topical issues along

with social and emotional learning curricula, advisory, supplies, and fitness programs for students.

The budget for AVAIL supports professional development and supplies for *The 4th R* relationship-based violence prevention curriculum, staff addenda, and fitness supplies. Grant funds for COHO support online curriculum and professional development. The budget for Crossroads augments curriculum for maternity health, implements *The 4th R*, purchases the Wii and other equipment for on-site fitness, and provides supplies for a Healthy Cooking Class. Continuation's grant supports professional development, *Why Try* motivational curriculum, an expanded referral process for social services, and a fitness/nutrition program.

Budget Summary:

	<u>AVAIL</u>	<u>COHO</u>	<u>Continuation Program</u>	<u>Crossroads</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Added Duty - Certificated Employee Benefits	\$5,570	\$5,309	\$5,309	\$3,395	\$19,583
Teaching Supplies	830	791	791	506	2,918
Indirect costs @ 3.82%	700	950	950	3,200	5,800
	<u>271</u>	<u>269</u>	<u>269</u>	<u>271</u>	<u>1,080</u>
TOTAL	\$7,371	\$7,319	\$7,319	\$7,372	\$29,381

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