

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #21 (98-99)

August 10, 1998

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: RARE-T HIV/AIDS
PREVENTION

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a continuation grant award in the amount of \$40,000 from the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, for an existing HIV/AIDS prevention project.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Anchorage School District applied for and won continuation funds from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, to fund the RARE-T HIV/AIDS Peer Education Program for the period of July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999. This grant is a continuation of funding first awarded by the State in FY 1995-1996 to support the existing ASD RARE-T program. The RARE-T HIV/AIDS Peer Education Program in Anchorage provides training to student peer educators which enables them to offer training and presentations to their peers on the dangers associated with risk-taking behaviors which could lead to HIV/AIDS infection. The FY 1998-1999 program additionally includes cultural sensitivity awareness and outreach to minority students and their families as well as to charter schools, private schools, and youth served by the Alaska Youth and Parent Foundation. The Alaska Theater of Youth will include in their regular season a play targeted to a tenth grade audience, with a presentation for the community by a national presenter.

Anchorage School District students are the primary recipients of the training opportunities and of the peer education. This grant also enables student trainers from the Anchorage program to provide training to students in other Alaskan school districts.

