

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #31 (98-99)

August 24, 1998

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD:
EARTH SYSTEMS IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a continuation grant award from the National Science Foundation in the amount of \$416,340 to support ESIP: Earth Systems Implementation Project.

PERTINENT FACTS:

This award, extending to September 30, 1999, is for the fourth year of the Earth Systems Implementation Project. This project provides Districtwide professional development in elementary science, including science content, pedagogical strategies, strategies for assessing student knowledge, and involvement of the professional community. In addition, in year four, the project will develop science assessments aligned with the ASD curriculum and with local, state, and national standards.

The budget for year four is as follows:

Personnel and Benefits	\$197,460
Participant costs	132,938
Materials	9,500
Consultant services	39,476
Other direct costs	9,980
Indirect costs	<u>26,986</u>
TOTAL	\$416,340

This budget assumes District matching funds of \$451,024. Major matching expenditures include salary and benefits for Science Center and Warehouse personnel responsible for assembling, warehousing, and delivering science kits. The participant support budget item funds all activities for teachers, including substitutes and stipends.

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