

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #42 (98-99)

September 14, 1998

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT CONTRACT AWARD:
POLARIS K-12 SCHOOL HABITAT PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a Wildlife Cooperative Extension Agreement from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the POLARIS K-12 School's school yard habitat project.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The school yard habitat project has been an initiative of the POLARIS school community and its business partners over the past two years. This process has produced a five-year plan, approved by the Anchorage School Board in spring 1998, to create a rich habitat study area adjacent to the school on POLARIS property. This award will enable POLARIS to move forward in the implementation of that plan.

This award, from POLARIS business partner U.S. Fish and Wildlife, will be used for education related to native species. Examples are: bird habitat and nesting areas and rehabilitation of the wetland area to support native plants. Funds will be used for rocks and other materials to support wetland plants and habitat, lumber for bird feeders and nest boxes, native shrubs and trees, pathway materials, fencing to buffer the area from the road, and related items.

This project requires no ASD cash match. District in-kind consists of volunteer labor from staff, parents, students, and community partners. POLARIS business partners will donate materials.

Budget Summary:

Supplies	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$10,000

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