

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #54 (98-99)

September 28, 1998

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: ALASKA HEALTH
ONLINE

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant award from the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation (ASTF) for a model online health curriculum and assessment project in the amount of \$139,115.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Anchorage School District applied for and was awarded funds from ASTF for a three year project, to commence this fall. Alaska Health Online is a highly collaborative effort involving Alaska Department of Education, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, ASD Assessment and Evaluation, the ASD health program, and several curriculum coordinators from around Alaska.

Alaska Health Online will assist ASD and other Alaskan teachers in using highly respected national and state health assessment modules called HealthHELP. These modules are applicable to the ASD health curriculum framework. Teachers around the nation praise HealthHELP because the program helps pupils understand dangers associated with tobacco, alcohol, drugs, and other dangerous substances.

The programs works well with students from a variety of cultures and backgrounds. Responses from Alaska field test schools have been enthusiastic. Alaska Health Online is a research effort, as well as an implementation project, and lessons learned from the study will doubtless assist ASD in understanding the role of the Internet, and of associated teacher activities through the Internet.

A web site will be maintained that will serve as a meeting place for health teachers around the state, and a central site to gain technical support.

Ten participating Anchorage teachers will receive two days of special training in HealthHELP during the summer, and the grant will fully fund their participation in this training. These same teachers will spend one day during the school year on additional training. Therefore, ASD will experience a minimum of “teacher pull-outs;” ten participating teachers will receive professional development training for a single day. Funds have been allocated through the grant to pay for their release time.

This project requires no cash match by the Anchorage School District. In-kind resources are primarily for personnel time. In-kind travel and facility usage are provided by other Alaskan school districts. Release time is provided by other districts for their own teachers.

Budget Summary:

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| Consultant/Contractual | \$ 45,000 |
| Travel | 47,815 |
| Facilities | 15,200 |
| Other | <u>31,100</u> |
| TOTAL COSTS | \$139,115 |

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