

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #33 (1999-2000) August 23, 1999

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: CHARTER SCHOOL GRANT AMENDMENTS AND EXTENSIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept the amendments and extensions from the State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development for the Charter School Planning and Implementation Grants as follows: Aquarian Charter School - \$9,069; Family Partnership Charter School - \$95,385; Village Charter School - \$450; and Walden Pond Charter School - \$40,342.

PERTINENT FACTS:

On November 21, 1997, the Alaska Department of Education notified the Anchorage School District and the four charter schools that they had been awarded grants in the amounts as follows: Aquarian - \$135,931; Family Partnership - \$49,615; Village - \$144,524. Walden Pond was awarded their grant on May 2, 1997 in the amount of \$104,658. The source of these funds is the United States Department of Education Grant to the State of Alaska Department of Education specifically for charter school start-up/implementation and planning costs.

On June 16, 1999, the State Department of Education and Early Development notified the District and the four charter schools that they had been awarded a no-cost extension for their charter school grants. The extension of one year, until September 30, 2000, applies to any funds that have not yet been expended. In order to receive this extension, each charter school had to write and ask for the one-year extension accompanied by a budget and narrative for use of these funds.

Grant recipients also had an opportunity to augment their original grant awards by amending the budgets to the total amounts of \$20,000 for planning and \$125,000 for implementation. If the charter school received less than that amount for either award, they could apply for additional funds.

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