

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #99 (1999-2000)

October 25, 1999

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF CONTINUATION GRANT AWARD:
SCHOOL-TO-WORK URBAN/RURAL OPPORTUNITIES
GRANT - CASTLES

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the Anchorage School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a continuation grant award from the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Labor in the amount of \$169,035.

PERTINENT FACTS:

In FY 1997-1998, the Anchorage School District won a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's School-to-Work Urban/Rural Opportunities grant program to fund a school-to-work program for Williwaw, Wonder Park, and Mountain View Elementary Schools, and for Clark Middle School. Only schools in high-poverty U.S. census tracts were eligible for this competition. CASTLES (*Community and Students Together Learning Economic Skills*) expands business and community partnerships; provides workplace-based and school-based experiences for students and teachers; provides professional development for staff; and enable schools to enrich the classroom program as a result of these experiences. A part-time school site mentor at each school facilitates career awareness and exploration activities. These include work-site visits, classroom guests, artists-in-residence, job shadowing, role models in the school, outreach to parents, and school-business partnership activities. CASTLES schools are linked to high schools' school-to-career programs.

FY 1999-2000 continuation funds will support staff development for curriculum adaptation, attendance at the national School-to-Work conference, and work-site visits. Teachers will be released for: curriculum adaptation at two half-days for 125 teachers; conference attendance at four days for six to eight teachers; work-site visits at one half-

day for 125 teachers; and one day of program-wide planning for 22 teachers from the four schools. Funding also supports added duty or added days for team planning, credit courses, and additional job shadows.

This grant requires no cash match by the Anchorage School District. In-kind contributions are primarily in the form of management, school-level inservice and planning time, and classroom materials.

Budget Summary:

1200	Salaries	\$49,862
1330	Added Duty	49,498
1370	Release Time	10,850
2000	Fringe Benefits	11,557
3030	Contractual	12,300
3130	Student Transportation	5,170
3430	Mileage	838
3600	Travel	14,758
4040	Supplies	5,893
4060	Food	1,200
3020	Indirect Costs	<u>7,109</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$169,035</u>

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