

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #100 (1999-2000)

October 25, 1999

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: SAFE AND DRUG-FREE  
SCHOOLS DRUG AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION COORDINATORS  
FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant award from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$394,349 for the first two years of a three-year project.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Anchorage School District applied for funds from the U.S. Department of Education under the federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program's Drug and Violence Prevention Coordinators for Middle Schools Grant program. The focus of our application was to place full-time prevention coordinators at Wendler and Clark Middle Schools. The core of the coordinators' jobs will be to integrate all existing and new alcohol, drug, and violence prevention efforts.

The coordinators will help the two schools address the following objectives, identified through site-level planning at each school: Infusion of violence and alcohol/drug prevention into the curriculum, professional development that gives staff new skills and knowledge in these areas, re-working of in-school suspension programs, and parent education. As part of their jobs, the Prevention Coordinators will help Wendler and Clark implement the Resolving Conflict Creatively Program's (RCCP) secondary model. Over the past year, Chugiak High School has served as a national high school demonstration site for this model. With prevention coordinators to help facilitate its implementation on the middle level, we expect to see a dramatic effect on the learning and behavior of students at the project schools.

The grant will fund two full-time prevention coordinators and a full-time secretary/assistant for two years, added duty for teachers to conduct after-school meetings and training, fringe benefits, training materials, and required travel to Washington D.C. for training. The grant is being matched with staff training time and office supplies from District's Title IV Safe and Drug-Free Schools grant program. The project does not include release time.

Budget Summary:

Salaries (three FTEs over two years)	\$268,773
Added duty	10,000
Fringe Benefits	70,486
Travel	10,152
Teaching/Office Supplies	12,354
Equipment	6,000
Indirect Costs	<u>16,584</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$394,349</u>

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