

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #282 (1999-2000)

April 10, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD  
FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
SUBJECT: CONTINUATION GRANT: READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept the continuation grant (AK-032-L) from Reading Is Fundamental, Inc., in the amount of \$20,748, and a supplemental grant of \$7,500, from the ARCO Foundation to augment the Reading is Fundamental grant.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Anchorage School District is in its eleventh year of participation in the federal Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) book distribution program. This program operates on a matching fund basis: 75 percent from RIF and 25 percent from each participating school.

A total of 15 Anchorage School District elementary schools will participate in the RIF Program during the 1999-2000 school year. The school programs funded by this combination of federal ARCO Foundation and local PTA funds are: Chinook, Creekside Park, Denali, Fairview, Government Hill, Klatt, Mountain View, Muldoon, North Star, Ptarmigan, Russian Jack, Ursa Major, Williwaw, Willow Crest, and Wonder Park. The grant funds are used, in their entirety, to fund book distributions to students. It is anticipated that from two to three such distributions will take place between now and October, 2000, when the grant expires. These book distributions will provide nearly 21,000 books to about 7,000 students in participating schools.

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