

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #291 (1999-2000)

April 24, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD  
FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
SUBJECT: PRIOR APPROVAL OF DISCRETIONARY GRANT:  
HIGH INTENSITY SUMMER READING PROGRAM GRANT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to apply for a grant from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development for a summer 2000 high school reading intervention program.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development has issued a Request for Proposals for intense summer 2000 reading instruction for students in the ninth and tenth grades who are at risk of failing to meet proficiency on the reading component of the state's High School Graduation Qualifying Exam. The goal of the project is to increase the reading skills of current ninth and tenth grade students most in need of the program. The program will extend over at least a six-week period. It will provide research-based instruction formatted specifically for the needs of the population that it will serve.

Preliminary budget estimate is for \$100,000, directed primarily to teachers' salaries and to materials. This grant does not require release time. At this time, no cash match is anticipated.

BC/CC/PM/BT

Prepared by: Pat McDowell, Executive Director, High School Education  
Beverly Thornburg, Coordinator, Discretionary Grants

Approved by: Carol Comeau, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction