

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #49 (2000-2001)

September 11, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: EAGLE RIVER  
WATERSHED WONDERS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in the amount of \$10,250.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Ravenwood Elementary School applied for a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to expand its riparian restoration and education project on the Eagle River watershed. This public service initiative, carried out by Ravenwood fourth grade classes over the past four years, enables students to learn:

- How the watershed is used and affected by people for varying purposes.
- How the river can be scientifically evaluated using various water tests, micro invertebrate studies, and the geology of the area.
- How people can become stewards of the watershed through clean-up events and participation in riparian repair public service projects.

The spring 2001 extension of the project will provide a clean-up service day at the Eagle River campground, where students will work with established community partners to tie together two sections of the previously restored riverbank. During the spring, students also will work with community partners to build a walkway to protect sections of the bank. Students also will collect and use scientific data, and will share their research with such community partners.

The grant budget covers materials for riparian repair and the walkway, equipment rental for excavation, and the equipment operator. Substantial in-kind contributions from community partners include materials, volunteer labor, and scientific expertise. These partners include Alaska Department of

Fish and Game, Department of Natural Resources Plant Materials Center, Chugach State Park Maintenance, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Anchorage Waterways Council, National Marine Fisheries, and Ravenwood staff and parent volunteers.

Budget Summary:

Supplies	\$ 8,550
Contractual	<u>1,700</u>
Total	<u>\$10,250</u>

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