

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #52 (2000-2001)

September 25, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF CONTINUING GRANT CONTRACT: THE
ALASKA NATIVE TEACHER TRAINING AND
RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant contract for \$25,000 from Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC). This is part of a continuation grant award from the U.S. Department of Education to CITC through the Alaska Native Educational Planning, Curriculum Development, Teacher Training and Recruitment Program.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Anchorage School District, the Cook Inlet Tribal Council, University of Alaska Anchorage and Alaska Pacific University in 1997 first collaborated to submit a proposal to the U.S. Department of Education under its School Improvement Programs to implement an Alaska Native Educational Planning, Curriculum Development, Teacher Training and Recruitment Program.

The three year grant to CITC entails mentorships for new Native teachers and prospective Native teachers, training for school staff on cultural diversity, social studies curriculum supplements, and training for interview teams. The grant extends to September 30, 2000. However, CITC has \$25,000 in carry-over funds for the ASD sub-contract for FY 2000-2001. The amount, in addition to \$13,500 in ASD sub-contract carry-over funds, will extend the project through this fiscal year. The FY 2000-2001 ASD contract from CITC includes mentorship for new Native teachers and for prospective Native teachers, and cultural diversity training for school staff.

The partnership agreement between Cook Inlet Tribal Council and the Anchorage School District stipulates that they share common goals of improving the education of Alaska Natives, increasing the number of certified Alaska Native teachers employed throughout the school system, and enhancing staff and student awareness and understanding of the diverse cultures of Alaska’s Native people.

This contract requires no cash match from the Anchorage School District. Salaries are for one-half FTE mentor teacher. Added days/duty enables classroom teachers to attend after school collegial networking sessions and weekend workshops, as funding allows. This budget item also helps teachers link with content and pedagogical experts, new teachers, and “phone buddies.” Contracted Services is for instructors for credit coursework on best practices for working with Native students. Release time for seven days is for mentors to observe new teachers, and new teachers to observe master teachers.

Budget Summary:

1360	Salaries	\$23,000
1370	Release Time	750
1330	Added Duty/Days	4,000
2000	Fringe Benefits	6,750
3030	Contracted Services	<u>4,000</u>
	Sub Total	\$38,500
	<i>Carryover Funds from 1999-2000</i>	<u>-13,500</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$25,000</u>

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