

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #55 (2000-2001)

September 25, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM CONTINUATION GRANT AWARD: MMIC
(MOSHI MOSHI IS FOR COMMUNITY!)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept the continuation of a Foreign Language Assistance Grant from the U. S. Department of Education, Office of Bilingual and Minority Languages Affairs, in the amount of \$116,782.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Anchorage School District World Languages Program has been awarded a Foreign Language Assistance Program grant to expand and enrich the Japanese immersion program, and to extend the benefits of Japanese language and culture study to more students in the Sand Lake/Mears/Diamond attendance area. The grant award is for a three-year period, with FY 2000-2001 (Year Two) funding at \$116,002.

MMIC (Moshi Moshi is for Community!) is developing a mentorship program that links students K-12 in the Japanese immersion program schools with Anchorage's Japanese organizations and businesses, and with native Japanese speakers. The objectives are for authentic communicative experiences and career awareness/exploration for students who are studying Japanese. The Japanese program's existing network of partners will provide a strong base for this component. The project also is designed to enhance the Diamond High School Japanese immersion program by producing curriculum specifically for high-achieving students. The project's collaboration with the University of Alaska's Japanese language classes benefits students who are ready for advanced study. Another specific objective of this project is to increase opportunities within Sand Lake Elementary School for Japanese language and culture enrichment, through music and art programs,

classroom songs and activities, and through a "whole school" approach which accesses the local Japanese community.

Funds support curriculum development, organization and coordination of the mentorship program, materials and supplies, and professional development. The grant does not require a cash match from the Anchorage School District. Major in-kind contributions include staff time and materials which already are part of the schools' programs and of the District's World Languages Program, and the participation of community partners. The personnel category will support release time at approximately \$1,000 to enable teachers to carry out video oral assessment.

Preliminary Budget Summary:

Personnel	\$ 54,400
Fringe Benefits	16,720
Travel	5,000
Supplies	10,280
Contractual	10,846
Other	14,079
Training stipends	2,496
Indirect Costs	<u>2,961</u>
 TOTAL	 <u><u>\$116,782</u></u>

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