

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #88 (2000-2001)

October 9, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: PRIOR APPROVAL OF DISCRETIONARY GRANT: TITLE VII
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS:
PROJECT ADELANTE!

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to apply for a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Title VII Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs (OBEMLA.)

PERTINENT FACTS:

OBEMLA has issued a request for proposals for its Program Development and Implementation Grants Program. This competition invites applicants to develop and implement bilingual education programs focusing on the needs of Limited English Proficient (LEP) students. The Anchorage School District World Language Program, Government Hill Elementary School, Romig Middle School, and West High School are preparing an application for Project Adelante! This initiative will extend and strengthen the two-way bilingual immersion program in Spanish. Outcomes will include an articulated K-12 program with sequential, spiraled curriculum; linguistic markers for K-12 assessment in Spanish; and enriched instructional materials. The project will create more opportunities for both native Spanish speakers and for English speakers within the secondary program. The project components include further development of Spanish immersion within the middle school model, materials development, a menu of extended course options in the high school, career exploration for Spanish speakers, and links with the local Spanish-speaking community,

The budget will consist primarily of contract addenda for professional development in second language acquisition and curriculum design; contracted services for national presenters, and materials. The preliminary budget estimate is at \$200,000 for this one-year project.

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