

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #162 (2000-2001)

January 8, 2001

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: PRIOR APPROVAL OF DISCRETIONARY GRANT: TITLE VII
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

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 is offering a second competition this year 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. Muldoon Elementary School is preparing an application for a three-year project to enhance Bilingual services for the school's growing English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) population. The initiative will provide comprehensive professional development for all staff members in order to improve bilingual services for ESL students in every classroom, and to integrate ESL approaches into instruction across the curriculum. The project will help restructure bilingual services as part of the comprehensive school reform efforts which have been underway at Muldoon over the past five years.

Expected outcomes for students include higher literacy, conceptual development, and academic achievement. Outcomes for staff include a deeper repertoire of knowledge and techniques for second language learners. As project director and on-site staff developer, Muldoon principal Dr. Virginia Juettner will work with teachers in the classroom to conduct ongoing professional development activities. The grant also will fund consultants,

materials, and contract addenda and credit course stipends for teachers. Working together, Muldoon staff and other project participants will produce exemplary standards-based units and lesson plans appropriate to second language learners.

The preliminary budget estimate is \$160,000 for the first project year.

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