

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #190 (2000-2001)

January 22, 2001

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT: PATHWAY HOME PROGRAM  
(PHASE I)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board accept a grant from Southcentral Foundation for Phase I of the Pathway Home Program for the second semester of the 2000-2001 school year.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Pathway Home is a program of Southcentral Foundation – one of the family of non-profit organizations associated with and under the tribal authority of Cook Inlet Region, Incorporated (CIRI). Southcentral Foundation provides healthcare, behavioral health, and social services to the Native community of Southcentral Alaska. The District has many cooperative projects with the Southcentral Foundation to support our students.

The Pathway Home is a residential treatment program for youth 13 to 18 years old having behavioral problems (drugs/alcohol, and/or mental health). The program incorporates the values, beliefs, wisdom, and strengths of Alaska Native cultures as it helps young men and women achieve wellness and recovery of spirit. The goal is to achieve harmony and balance with: (1) family, community, and environment; (2) mind; (3) body; and (4) spirit. The program identifies and builds on the strengths of the person while reducing obstacles to recovery and wellness.

Phase 1 of the Pathway Home Program involves a temporary residence with a maximum capacity of 16. The residence is a newly renovated facility with the vocational program (two classes) at the Anchorage School District's King Career

Center and the recreational program at the Municipality of Anchorage's Spenard Recreation Center. The educational component will be housed at space co-located with SCC's Behavioral Health Services on Fireweed Lane. Phase 1 is expected to be operational in January of this year, with the KCC classes due to start approximately February 12 in the afternoon, when KCC's regular classes are over. Since Phase 1 is funded primarily by a substance abuse grant, only students with substance abuse diagnoses will be admitted during this phase by Southcentral Foundation. Grant funds will be used to reimburse the ASD for salary addenda, supplies, equipment, and other invoiced expenses.

The Administration supports this cooperative effort as another way to assist young people in attaining an education. Two teachers from KCC are interested in working with these young people after their normal duty day, on an addendum basis. A counselor will be provided to accompany the students in each class so there will be two adults for each group. The maximum number of students who will participate in Phase 1 is 16.

Jerry Sjolander, Supervisor of the High School Education Program and the Special Schools Program, and Brad Snodgrass, Principal at KCC, have met many times with staff of the Pathway Home Program, primarily Joe Federici, Southcentral Foundation, and Fred Kopacz, Program Manager for the Pathway Home Program. Other District administrators participating in the discussions have been Pat McDowell, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction; Jim Taylor, Executive Director for High Schools; Robyn Rehmann, Executive Director for Special Education; Janet Stokesbary, Chief Financial Officer; Tom Bibeau, Risk Manager; and the Superintendent. A Memorandum of Understanding is being finalized by our attorneys and will be signed prior to commencement of the program in February.

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Prepared/Approved by: Carol Comeau, Superintendent