

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #180 (2000-2001)

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TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT: SUBMISSION OF DISCRETIONARY
GRANTS, SECOND QUARTER

PERTINENT FACTS:

The purpose of this report is to inform the School Board on a quarterly basis of new grants that have been submitted for funding.

Alaska Writing OASIS Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Grant; to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development for \$590,400 for a one-year project. Instructional Technology: To improve students' writing by providing an online six-traits writing assessment, publishing, and communication system. This pilot project includes fourteen target schools from three school districts. They are the Anchorage School District, the Lower Kuskokwim School District; and the Kashunamuit School District. OASIS will focus on teachers and students in grades 3, 5, 7, and 9, providing professional development in technology and writing assessment. This project has been funded at \$300,000.

Project ¡Adelante!; to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Language Affairs, for \$171,646 for the first year of a three-year project. World Languages: To expand and enhance the Spanish two-way immersion program at Government Hill Elementary, Romig Middle School, and West High School. Focusing on the secondary program, this project offers nine new courses, all articulated and sequenced with options for immersion students, students in the traditional foreign language sequence, and recent immigrants for whom Spanish is their first national language. This project has been funded at \$171, 646.

Williams Alaska Petroleum, Inc., grants. Sixteen schools/programs applied to a \$5,000 fund from Williams Alaska for projects to address the needs of ASD schools and to support the goals of the Anchorage School District. Schools or programs that submitted grants are: Bear Valley Elementary, Bowman Elementary (two projects),

Government Hill Elementary, Kasuun Elementary, Klatt Elementary, Russian Jack Elementary, Whaley School, Central Middle School of Science, Goldenview Middle School, Mears Middle School, Romig Middle School, AVAIL, Dimond High School, Service High School and the ASD Math Program and ACTM. Grants were awarded to Bowman Elementary, Government Hill Elementary, Romig Middle School, Service High School, and AVAIL.

School-to-Work/Career Pathways; to the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development for \$49,900 for a six-month project. School-to-Career Program/CASTLES: To continue School-to-Career efforts to integrate contextual learning and Career Pathways into curriculum development, by training K-8 teachers in the "Learning Through Performance Tasks (LTPT)" curricular template. This project has not been funded.

K-12 Balanced Reading Grants; to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development and the Professional Education Center at the University of Alaska Southeast. Dimond High School and Service High School submitted proposals to continue professional development efforts in the area of Reading. Funds will help schools implement their Reading improvement plans, and will help offset tuition for teachers in the UA Reading endorsement program.

School Safety Pilot Program Grant; awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, through the Anchorage Fire Department, in the amount of \$10,000. Risk Management Department: To enhance employee training for school crisis response plans. This award will be used for the purchase of training hardware, software, and videos. A required 25 percent local match will be satisfied through regular salaried employee time directed to development of training modules and to training District personnel. This project has been funded at \$10,000.

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