

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #337 (2000-2001)

June 11, 2001

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: PRIOR APPROVAL OF DISCRETIONARY GRANT:
CASTLES SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the Anchorage School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to apply for supplemental grant funding requesting supplemental funds from the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Labor, in the amount of \$189,533.

PERTINENT FACTS:

In FY 1997-1998, the Anchorage School District won a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's School-to-Work Urban/Rural Opportunities grant program to fund a school-to-work program for Williwaw, Wonder Park, and Mountain View Elementary Schools, and for Clark Middle School. Only schools in high-poverty U.S. census tracts were eligible for this competition. Since then, CASTLES (*Community and Students Together Learning Economic Skills*) has expanded business and community partnerships; has provided workplace-based and school-based experiences for students and teachers; has provided professional development for staff; and has enabled schools to enrich the classroom program as a result of these experiences. A full-time School Site Mentor has facilitated these activities at the three elementary schools, and at Clark a teacher has coordinated these events on an added-duty basis.

At this time, ASD has the opportunity to apply for twelve months of supplemental funding which will provide additional support toward meeting two specific goals of the CASTLES grant. Supplemental funds will allow program staff to meet the goal for professional development through paid teacher internships; attendance at the National Partners in Education (NAPE) conference to be held in Anchorage in November, 2001; and a for-credit "Teacher Institute" which will involve both preservice and inservice teachers in contextual learning connected to the workplace. Teachers will attend both the

internships and the institute on added duty addenda, compensated through supplemental funds. Additional funding will also provide substitutes for twenty teachers who will be released for two days to attend the NAPE conference.

To meet the goal for program evaluation, supplemental funds will support an in-depth qualitative and quantitative summation of the impact of the CASTLES program. Such an investigation will contribute meaningful information not only to CASTLES program participants, but also to ASD and our business community. With the recent restructuring of the School-to-Career and School Business Partnership programs, such an evaluation will be a useful source of data regarding the success of curriculum adaptation and business involvement.

This request requires no cash match by the Anchorage School District. In-kind contributions are primarily in the form of management, school-level planning time, time contributed by business and community members for work-site visits, and classroom materials. Release time will enable twenty teachers to attend the two-day NAPE conference.

Budget Summary:

1200s	Salaries	\$ 25,000
1330	Added Duty	90,000
1370	Release Time	4,400
2000s	Fringe Benefits	20,000
3030	Contractual	20,000
3130	Field Trips	5,000
3430	Mileage	800
3610	Registration	8,000
4010	Office supplies	1,500
4040	Teaching Supplies	6,000
4060	Food	2,000
3020	Indirect Costs	<u>6,833</u>
	TOTAL	\$189,533

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