

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #217 (2001-2002)

March 11, 2002

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: MCKINNEY HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept a McKinney grant award from the Alaska Department of Education for \$49,621. This is a continuation grant for projects first implemented under McKinney grants in FY 1996-1997 and expanded through McKinney grants in FY 1997-1998, FY 1998-1999, FY 1999-2000 and FY 2001-2002. McKinney funds are administered by the Title I Child In Transition/Homeless Project.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Title I Child In Transition/Homeless (CIT/H) Project and Partners In Homeless Education, a collaborative group of twenty-five Anchorage agencies who work with homeless children and families, last year developed a program for summer educational and recreational opportunities for homeless children and families. This grant will support the continuation of work with Anchorage community partners to plan and develop the framework for summer 2002. The summer program will provide service for 250 homeless children ages three through seventeen.

This grant also will enable CIT/H teachers and tutors to increase the availability of enrichment activities for 150 homeless children and families throughout the school year. Because homeless children often arrive at a shelter with little more than the clothes they are wearing, funds will provide much-needed school supplies for homeless students. Additionally, the grant will provide funding to develop a motel outreach program. Finally, the grant will help provide school lunches for homeless high school students and snacks for children during academic and enrichment times.

The project collaborates with shelters, outreach sites, and schools which help identify students and distribute supplies. This grant does not require a cash match from the Anchorage School District and does not include release time.

Budget Summary:

Personnel	\$22,000
Fringe Benefits	3,222
Student Travel	5,000
Supplies	17,610
Indirect Costs	<u>1,789</u>
TOTAL	\$49,621

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