

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #34 (2002-2003)

August 26, 2002

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF CONTINUATION GRANT AWARD:
PROJECT ADELANTE!

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept grant funds from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$173,147.

PERTINENT FACTS:

In FY 2001, the Administration submitted and won a Title VII (Bilingual Education) Program Development and Implementation grant to support and augment the two-way bilingual Spanish immersion program at Government Hill Elementary School and Romig Middle School. The grant also will establish course offerings for both native Spanish speakers and English speakers at West High School. The U. S. Department of Education has recently notified the District of re-authorization for the second year of funding.

The grant award is for a three-year period with funding at \$171,646 in year one (FY 2001-2002), \$173,147 in year two (FY 2002-2003), and \$174,917 in year three (FY 2003-2004). The budget consists primarily of .80 FTE, contract addenda for professional development in second language acquisition and curriculum design, contracted services for national presenters, and materials.

The project goals include the development of a sequential secondary Spanish language program with rigorous course offerings which are college preparatory; and which meet the needs both of incoming students from the two-way Spanish immersion program and of Limited English Proficient (LEP) Spanish speakers. The professional development plan is designed especially for teachers who instruct second language learners. The plan is ongoing for the duration of the

project and incorporates best practices, e.g., Cooperative Learning for second language learners.

There is no requirement for a District cash match. In-kind contributions are projected to include in-place staff and materials that are part of the regular program budget. The project budget provides release time of two days for each of 20 teachers for scheduled workshops. The personnel budget comprises a project coordinator and .80 FTE staff for Romig and West.

Budget Summary, Year Two:

Personnel	\$114,000
Fringe Benefits	25,000
Travel 5,000	
Supplies	5,000
Contractual	15,000
Other	682
Indirect Costs	<u>8,465</u>
TOTAL	\$173,147

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