

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #78 (2002-2003)

October 14, 2002

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: READING EXCELLENCE
ACT LOCAL READING IMPROVEMENT GRANT: FAIRVIEW
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept grant funds from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development in the amount of \$183,260. This grant will provide funding for the first year of a two-year project to enable Fairview to implement strategies to promote reading achievement for students in kindergarten through grade three using research-based methods and materials.

PERTINENT FACTS:

In Fall 2001, the Anchorage School District was invited to apply for a Reading Excellence Act planning grant from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED). The District received \$20,000 each for Tyson, Fairview, and Mountain View elementary schools for a total of \$60,000. Planning activities took place in the spring of 2002. In Spring 2002, these schools applied for two-year Local Reading Improvement grants to implement their programs.

Fairview Elementary School's reading improvement project includes the following: (1) a comprehensive literacy program, kindergarten through grade three; (2) professional development for staff, including a University of Alaska Southeast hosted reading course; mentoring; peer coaching; and demonstration lessons; (3) family/adult literacy support through family literacy nights hosted at the school, and assessment and instruction for parents wanting to improve their basic skills and English language proficiency; and (4) involvement with school/community business partners.

During the 2002-2003 school year, grant funds will support added duty time for professional development, release time, reading curriculum materials, teaching supplies, and professional and technical services contracted with Nine Star Enterprises, Inc., to provide family/adult literacy training

Release time days will be used for reading conferences (six days) and staff visitation to schools (four days) during the 2002-2003 school year. No cash match is required of the Anchorage School District. In-kind contributions from ASD will include \$500 in ASD resources and support from ASD Reading and Title I Specialists.

Budget Summary, Year One:

Certificated Salaries	\$ 40,585
Non-certificated Salaries	4,600
Employee Benefits	10,052
Contracted Services	35,000
Teaching Supplies	86,200
Unallocated	<u>(1,904)</u>
Direct Costs	\$174,533
Indirect costs (no more than 5.00%)	<u>8,727</u>
TOTAL	\$183,260

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