

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #155 (2002-2003)

January 13, 2003

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: MUNICIPALITY OF
ANCHORAGE WIA IN-SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant from the Municipality of Anchorage Workforce Investment Act In-School Youth Program in the amount of \$58,492. This ongoing program is designed to help prepare students for post-secondary training and careers upon graduation from high school.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds are available to the Anchorage School District for providing vocational assessment, work readiness skills development, career counseling, and occupational skills training for youth from McLaughlin School. The goal is to prepare students for specific postsecondary training and careers upon graduation from high school. This award includes follow-up support services extending to June 30, 2005. Funds will provide salary and benefits for added duty pay for a coordinator/evaluator, vocational teacher, case manager, youth counselor, and teacher assistant. Funds also will provide wages and benefits for thirty youth participants. This is the first year of a three-year continuation grant (2002-2005). Second and third year funding is contingent on meeting the WIA Youth Performance Outcomes.

For evaluation purposes, the WIA grant measures specific youth performance outcomes. These include skills attainment (combination of academic, work readiness, occupational skills); numbers of students who continue working toward or who complete their diplomas/GED; and number of youth who are employed or who are attending school nine months following completion of program. These outcome measures are obtained on a routine basis throughout the grant cycle by the project coordinator. Required outcomes for continued

funding and the outcomes for McLaughlin's FY 2002 WIA program are as follows:

| | WIA-Required Performance Outcome | McLaughlin WIA Outcome |
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| 1. Skills Attainment | 72% | 96% |
| 2. Diploma or Equivalent: | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obtained | | 14% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing to work on Diploma/GED | 70% | <u>83%</u> 97% |
| 3. Placement/retention at nine months following exit | 70% | * |

* Evaluation scheduled for April 2003.

The grant does not require release time or matching funds. In-kind services include use of McLaughlin School facilities (office and classroom after school hours) and services from McLaughlin Youth Center (supervision of students by youth counselors and work-site supervisors).

Budget Summary:

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| Personnel | \$21,760 |
| Fringe Benefits | 2,860 |
| Supplies | 4,300 |
| Student Wages & Benefits | 26,713 |
| Indirect Costs | <u>2,859</u> |
| TOTAL | \$58,492 |

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