

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #157 (2002-2003)

January 13, 2003

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: MCKINNEY EDUCATION  
FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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 and Early Development for \$50,000. 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 through FY 2002-2003. 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 25 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 2003. 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 offer a Shelter Tour and Forum for school personnel and community members. Participants will gain a greater understanding of the issues related to homelessness and its impact on

children and youth. Finally, the grant will help provide school lunches for homeless high school students and snacks for children during academic and enrichment times.

Measurable objectives address increasing the educational success of homeless students, increasing enrollment and retention in school, strengthening family and community partnerships, and raising awareness about homelessness and its impact. Success will be measured by: anecdotal records, enrollment and attendance figures, school completion and academic records, parent participation in students' learning, program evaluation by parents and students, community agency participation and surveys, and formal evaluation of training.

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.

Budget Summary:

Added Duty Certificated	\$12,000
Added Duty Classified	1,500
Teacher Aides	7,000
Fringe Benefits	2,666
Student Travel	10,000
Supplies	14,390
Indirect Costs	<u>2,444</u>
TOTAL	\$50,000

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