

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #12 (2003-2004)

August 11, 2003

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT: SUBMISSION OF DISCRETIONARY  
GRANTS, FOURTH QUARTER 2002-2003 SCHOOL YEAR

PERTINENT FACTS:

The purpose of this report is to inform the School Board on a quarterly basis of new grants that have been submitted for funding.

Project ACCESS (All Children Can Experience Sports Safely); to the U.S. Department of Education, for \$109,341 for a one-year project. Health and Physical Education Programs and Related Services: This project helps provide access to a full and standards-linked physical education curriculum for all K-12 students who experience severe physical and developmental disabilities. It will support the purchase of adapted physical education equipment for the District's Adapted Physical Education program. It also will provide professional development for Adapted Physical Education staff and for administrators and physical education teachers in schools that serve severely disabled students.

Starship MIR: Mission is Russian!; to the U.S. Department of Education, for \$490,522 for a three-year project. World Languages Program: To plan and implement an elementary school Russian language program at Turnagain Elementary. This project creates a "school-within-a-school" partial immersion Russian language program, beginning in kindergarten and first grade and expanding to second grade in the third year. The model is designed to add one grade level annually, to eventually span K-6.

Child In Transition/Homeless Project McKinney Homeless Assistance Act Grant; to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, for \$49,999 for a one-year project. Title I Child in Transition/Homeless Project: To provide additional academic and enrichment support programs and supplies

for homeless children and youth, grades preK-12. The project includes contract addenda for teachers to carry out project activities and provides tutoring, field trips, school supplies, and food for homeless children and youth.

Dimond High School InvenTeam Preliminary Proposal; to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Lemelson-MIT Program for Invention and Innovation. Dimond High School: to fund materials for an innovative student robotics project. The project is an opportunity for an InvenTeam of 15-30 students from the Applied Technology class and for members of Dimond's FIRST robotics team to create a mobile "virtual visiting" robot. The robot will be designed to safely navigate the halls of Dimond and allow a remote user to participate in classroom activities as approved by the administration. MIT will issue invitations for full applications, with a September 2003 deadline.

### Partnership Grants

Title II Teacher Quality - Competitive Partnership Grant Program; to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, for \$314,660 for the first year of a three-year project. University of Alaska Anchorage Alaska Partnership for Teacher Education in partnership with ASD Training and Professional Development, Lower Kuskokwim School District, Yupiit School District, and Kashunamiut School District: To extend professional development in literacy for preservice teachers throughout the University of Alaska system. This project has not been funded.

Adolescent Health Promotion through Media Literacy; to the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Services, for \$1,154,116 for a three-year project. University of Alaska Anchorage, Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies and the Anchorage School District: To implement a school-based media literacy intervention/research project in two ASD high schools. This project will study the effects of media literacy training on students' changes in perceptions, intentions, and attitudes about drinking and smoking.

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