

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

MEMORANDUM #21 (2003-2004)

August 25, 2003

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE IIA SUPPLEMENTAL TECHNOLOGY
INSTITUTE GRANT AWARD

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept \$15,181 in Title II Supplemental grant funds. This particular supplemental grant provided for a four day, hands on "Leadership in Technology" Institute for principals and teachers engaged in technology integration.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The grant was applied for in late May and approved in early July. Training and Professional Development and the Instructional Technology Departments collaborated to provide a four-day institute from August 4-7, 2003. Participants had the opportunity to learn technology skills and integration methodologies to enhance learning and increase productivity. The sessions provided participants with the tools necessary to be 21st Century leaders in technology.

Topic areas covered the following categories:

- OSX Basics
- Advanced OSX
- IApplications (iTunes, iPhoto, iMovie & iChat)
- Technology integration and online resources
- Technology planning for leaders
- Microsoft Office (Entourage, Excel, Word & Powerpoint)

Fifty-four District employees attended the Institute and 41 of the participants took it for college credit. The majority of the attendees came from the Elementary Division. Grant dollars provided for addenda, instructor costs and materials. The Institute was designed to be a kick-off for additional technology professional development events planned for the 2003-04 school year. Attached is a one-page summary of positive feedback from the Institute participants.

CC/JC/RB/PL

Attachment

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Positive Comments/Feedback from the Institute:

"Thank you for all of your energy and patience. Everyone of the instructors was respectful of our varying skills."

"Excellent 4 days. It was a great way to start the school year. The four IT instructors were outstanding and experts in their presentations!"

"I found this to be the Best 4 days of in-service/class I have taken due to the set-up of the sessions, dividing up the sessions with different instructors, instructor enthusiasm and expertise."

"This was a huge amount of information that I will continue learning after the Institute..."

"Now, after any other training, I feel more motivated/confident to more training for teachers and projects with kids..."

"I thought it was phenomenal. Every instructor did an excellent job. The pacing and the knowledge of the instructors were also perfect."

"I think this is one of the most beneficial classes I have taken in the district."

"Loved it!"

"I appreciate the hands-on learning and the media used by instructors. Thank you for this opportunity - class was great!"

"I'm moving to a new school with hardly any computers. Where do we begin to look for money? Help."

“Great hands-on learning. I appreciated that the tech trainers would stop and help...”

“Thank you so much. Great job of planning and preparation.”

“Is it possible to have classes in June and July so that we can practice what was learned?”

“I appreciated time for hands-on practice, practical, useful information was demonstrated, peers that were willing to help one another and flexibility in agenda.”