

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #258 (2003-2004)

April 12, 2004

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: KINCAID GREENHOUSE  
PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept a cash grant in the amount of \$38,000 from an anonymous donor for replacement and construction of the Kincaid Elementary School greenhouse.

PERTINENT FACTS:

A donor who wishes to be anonymous has pledged \$38,000 for the restoration of the solar greenhouse at Kincaid Elementary School. The greenhouse was destroyed in the windstorm of March 2003. The greenhouse and its adjacent garden are part of the Kincaid Growing Project, developed over a period of years by Kincaid staff, students, parents, and community members. The Growing Project has been supported in part by grants for hands-on science and math, and has been recognized by the National Gardening Association for excellence in design. Among the Growing Project's more notable projects are cross-curricular units that incorporate botany; hybridizing experiments; potato breeding and multi-year growth studies; year-long growing and harvesting that follows the growing season; students feasting on the produce they grow; and potato and corn donations to local charities as part of the educational program.

The reconstruction will produce a wheelchair-accessible 600-square foot greenhouse. The design of the greenhouse will allow students to research and use non-traditional energy sources. Students will experiment with growing such plants as tomatoes, corn, gourds, squashes, beans, vines, flowers, cucumbers, and bamboo. All design work and construction is by volunteers. A cash match is not required.

Budget Summary

Materials \$38,000

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