

Title VII Indian Education Program

Anchorage School District

March/April 2006 Bulletin Updates and Information
For Parents and Students K through 12



Title VII Indian Education Program Grant Process

Special Interest Articles:

- Title VII Grant
- Alaska Native Cultural Charter School formed
- Two Title VII IEP Staff take students to JNYO
- Begich Middle School Plans Underway
- West High Culture Club heads to Gathering of Nations

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Each year, the Title VII Indian Education Program must submit an application for funding. The Office of Indian Education Formula Grant application is divided into two parts: **Part I, Student Count**, was submitted February 16th. The 2007-2008 budget will be calculated by Office of Indian Education based on the number of 506 forms on file. The number of 506 forms increased by 226 over the '06-'07 school year. **Part II, Program and Budget Information**, is due out in late March. Within Part II, student performance data, the identified project's services and activities will be identified. In the past we have used assessment data from the Anchorage School District and the First Alaskans Institute "Alaska Native K-12 Education Indicators" report.

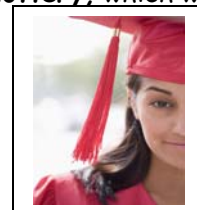
However, the Secretary of Education established the following key performance measures for assessing the effectiveness of the Indian Education Formula Grants: (1) The percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native students in grades 4 and 8 who are at or above the basic

level in reading on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP); and (2) the percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native students in grades 4 and 8 who are at or above the basic level in mathematics on NAEP.

Parents, teachers of Native students and high school students, **your input is needed**. What types of program services and activities do you want to see offered next year that will both address the unique educational and culturally related academic needs and help them achieve to the same challenging State performance standards expected of all students? **You can provide input by:** (1) **Attend the Public Hearing**, March 15, at Airport Hts. Elem., 6:30 PM-8:00 PM (2) **Logging On** to our website, www.asdk12.org Under "Take Note" section, "Indian Education Input" (3) **Send** a letter to Title VII Indian Education 5530 East Northern Lights Anchorage, AK 99504. Both website and sending a letter is open March 1-15, 2007. **We look forward to hearing from you.**

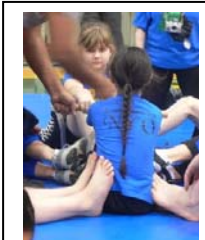
Alaska Native Cultural Charter School

Alaska Native Cultural Charter School is now accepting applications for the opening of 2007-2008 and will hold its first **lottery**, which will be held on **March 15, 2007**. Pick up applications at Spring Hill Elementary, Muldoon Elementary, Inlet View Elementary, and Gladyswood Elementary or **download an application from the ASD website** at www.asdk12.org. If you have questions, please contact Martha Gould-Lehe at 727-3078.



"JNYO gives Kids confidence And helps to Build self-Esteem. It Brought kids Together to Build a nice Community no Matter their Ethnicity or Culture."

- Jen Buchanan, School Counselor, North Star Elem.



Paige DeRossett, Stick Pull. Paige took 2nd Place for Williwaw Elem. Sch.

"Students discovered that Auntie, Mom or Dad had competed in Native Games in years gone by. Several of these adults became great assets to the club,"

-- Carla Hollingsworth, Title VII Youth Development Tutor

Elementary Students Compete at Junior Native Youth Olympics

Two Title VII Indian Education Program Youth Development Tutors worked with elementary school students to practice and compete in the Junior Native Youth Olympics (JNYO) held in Anchorage on Jan. 26-28.

Williwaw Elementary School was very proud to send 16 of its students to the JNYO games. These dedicated children and their coach, Chris Silva, started practicing in Dec. staying after school two nights a week. In addition to the practice after school, the P.E. teacher, Wendy Justus, also had the entire school practicing all of the Native games during their P.E. time for two weeks. Paige DeRossett, a second grader, placed second in the Eskimo stick pull. "We are very proud of how well the students of Williwaw did," Silva said. "We'd like to give a special thanks to all the families and Williwaw staff who came to cheer the athletes on during the competition."

Carla Hollingsworth, Youth Development



Williwaw Elementary School Team Photo.

Tutor at **North Star Elementary School**, state that the JNYO Games Club was very successful for the third year in a row. Training began in early Nov. with "school wide" Native games skills training for all students in P.E. class. This curriculum was taught just prior to the start of the Club. Together with Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Indian Education Staff hosted an inspiring Native Games assembly for the entire student body. Hollingsworth said 129 students finished the training season, and 52 of those students were Alaska Native. "Our goal all year has been, 'Do your personal best'. North Star sent 34 students to the statewide JNYO. "We could only have had this Club with the help of many people, especially our great parent and teacher volunteers," she said.



Danae Shelhamer, 3rd Grade, North Star Elem., does her "personal best" in the Stick Carry event at JNYO.

High School and Middle School Coaches for Native Youth Olympics, April 26-28, 2007

Every year the Title VII Indian Education Program provides support for Native Youth Olympics coaches at the High Schools and Middle Schools. The Coaches are:

Howard Sparrow, Dimond High School
Jeanette LeClair, Bartlett High
Raymond Bellamy, East High

Nathan Williams, West High
Gail Hutto or Rachel Meganack, Service High (No coach name)
Adam Comer, Romig Middle School
Johyn Clayton, Clark Middle School
For more information on NYO contact Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Courtney Sullivan, at 793-3267 or www.citci.com

New Middle School Under Construction: Nicholas J. Begich Middle School in Muldoon

The Nicholas J. Begich Middle School is slated to be completed in April 2007, open for classes in Fall 2007. Principal Jeanne Fisher has been hosting planning sessions in various locations throughout Muldoon in order to talk about the development of the new school.

All students, families, and community members are welcome to attend and join in the discussions and planning.

We would like to hear your ideas and suggestions. You will be able to meet staff members and be involved in the exciting process of developing a new school. These are informal gatherings, and there is always plenty of snack food!

There are also community meetings scheduled for new families of middle school

students, which will show a movie about the school facility, provide handouts about middle school programs and answer questions about the school. Upcoming information and planning community **meetings** include:
April 3, Muldoon Elementary School Library, 4:00-6:00 p.m., planning meeting open for all families
April 10. Location to be determined, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
May 3, Scenic Park Elementary Library, 4:00-6:00 p.m., planning meeting open for all families. Also, see The Begich Middle School webpage on ASD On-Line at asdk12.org and click on "construction" under the "Schools" section or call staff at 742-0500.

West High Culture Club Headed to Gathering of the Nations

The West High Culture Club is going down to Albuquerque, New Mexico, in Spring 2007, for the Gathering of the Nations, possibly the biggest Pow Wow in the nation, held every year in the spring. The Culture Club, lead by Glenna Maulding, with help from Loyla Levitt and Nate Williams, has raised all its own money to fund the trip, the biggest trip the Club has taken. Dedicated students sold fry bread, Navajo tacos, donated items, and more at various Conferences, and funds were donated by grants from each village or regional corporation. Cook Inlet Housing also provided assistance. The group will also have a booth at the Gathering. To many students, this trip will be a big opportunity to see the other side of Indian Country and learn about the different customs and traditions. Each of these students is the future of tomorrow.



VOTE: Anchorage School District Bond Package for April 3, 2007 Election

Prop 4: Clark Middle School Replacement: \$65 million Eligible for 60% state reimbursement Taxes on \$100,000 with reimbursement \$7.57 Annual O&M cost per \$100,000 \$1.51

Prop 5: District-wide Building System Renewal: \$20 million Eligible for up to 70% state reimbursement Taxes on \$100,000 with reimbursement \$1.75 --
"The district has managed to pay more than \$85 million in debt service on its capital improvements since the last bonds passed, which is a tremendous achievement," said Superintendent Carol Comeau, "that demonstrates the district's commitment to fiscal responsibility. We are only asking for the same amount in bonds that we have paid off."

"After much time together, we were no longer the Culture Club, but more of a Leadership Club,"
~ Glenna Maulding,
Title VII Counselor

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March-April 2007 Highlights

March 15: PUBLIC HEARING at Airport Hts. Elementary, 6:30-8:00pm

March 16: End of Third Quarter

March 19-23: Spring Break - Enjoy!

April 3-5: State Assigned Testing Days

April 12: Native Advisory Committee, Fairview Elem. School, 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

April 18 - 19: Parent/Teacher Conference Days

April 20: In-service Day, No School

Next Issue will come out in May/June 2007

The next issue of the Title VII Indian Education Program Parent Bulletin will be sent during the last few weeks of school.

Look for news you can use as parents and as students to assist Alaska Native student success in grades K-12 and for summer program information.

The Parent Bulletin is now available on the Title VII IEP web site - go to: www.asdk12.org/depts/IndEd/newsletter/

About The Title VII Indian Education Program . . .

The Indian Education Program of the Anchorage School District has staff in 50 schools within the district. The program concentrates its efforts in three areas: academic assistance, counseling, and cultural enrichment. Unfortunately, there is not enough funding to place staff in every school. However, if you or your child is interested in participating in activities, please call our offices at 742-4445. The Indian Education Resource Room is located at 5530 E. Northern Lts. Blvd., Anchorage.