

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #16 (2004-2005)

August 2, 2004

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: STATE OF ALASKA WIA  
IN-SCHOOL AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant from the State of Alaska, Workforce Investment Act In-School and Out-of-School Youth Program in the amount of \$80,000. This ongoing program is designed to help prepare court-involved students for postsecondary training and careers upon graduation from high school.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds are available to the Anchorage School District for providing vocational assessment, work readiness skills development, career counseling, and occupational skills training for youth from McLaughlin School. The goal is to prepare students for specific postsecondary training and careers upon graduation from high school. Funds will provide salary and benefits for added duty pay for a coordinator/evaluator, vocational teacher, case manager, youth counselor, and teacher assistant. Funds also will provide wages and benefits for thirty additional youth during the 2004-2005 school year. The grant does not require release time or matching funds. This is the fifth year of the Alaska Department of Labor's funding for this project.

In-kind services include use of McLaughlin School facilities (office and classroom after school hours), certified and classified staff time, and services from McLaughlin Youth Center staff (supervision of students by youth counselors and work-site supervisors).

Budget Summary:

Personnel	\$32,560
Fringe Benefits	5,098
Supplies	1,704
Student Wages & Benefits	37,281
Indirect Costs	<u>3,357</u>
TOTAL	\$80,000

Evaluation

The WIA grant has specific youth performance outcomes that include Skills Attainment (combination of academic, work readiness, occupational skills); number of students who continue working toward or who complete a diploma/GED; and number of youth who are employed or attending school for nine months following completion of program. These outcome measures are obtained on a routine basis throughout the grant cycle by the project coordinator. Required outcomes for continued funding and the outcomes for the 2004-2005 McLaughlin WIA program are as follows:

<u>Outcome</u>	<u>WIA Required Performance Outcome</u>	<u>McLaughlin WIA</u>
1. Skills Attainment	75%	95%
2. Diploma or Equivalent - Obtained or - Continued to work on Diploma/GED	55%	86%
3. Placement/retention at nine months following exit	47%	+ 85%*

\* This outcome data is still being obtained at this time.

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