

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #36 (2004-2005)

September 13, 2004

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: FUND FOR
IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept Congressional earmarked grant funds from the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Education Program in the amount of \$497,050. These funds will support bilingual education services.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The District received notification in March 2004 that under the legislation, the Anchorage School District will receive \$497,050 for the English Language Instruction Program for limited-English-proficient (LEP) students. The grant funds will be awarded upon submittal of a detailed project plan, timelines, a budget narrative, and an evaluation plan covering the entire period of the grant.

The project is funded in the FY 2004 appropriations bill and the Department will award the grant by September 30, 2004. The project may be completed within three full school years.

The Bilingual/Multicultural Education Program proposes to provide direct support for schools through professional development for staff and for multimedia, computer-based instruction for students. Schools selected for the project are those with steadily increasing enrollments of Limited English Proficient (LEP) students over the past three to four years. The primary purpose is to enable LEP students to develop literacy, English language proficiency, and computer skills in order to create an opportunity for achievement in education, as well as in life.

This project will provide literacy and English language instruction. ASD will be able to help students meet English language development standards more rapidly, as well as meet the rigorous standards mandated by *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) and the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. The grant does not require a cash match. The personnel budget supports a full-time liaison and staff development position. Release time for multi-media training ensures participation and involvement for this critical training. Training stipends are in the form of addenda for summer training. The materials budget is for programmatic curricula. Contractual funds support outside presenters.

Budget Summary for the three-year grant period:

Personnel	\$175,000
Release time	10,000
Fringe Benefits	27,000
Equipment	5,000
Materials	231,277
Contractual	15,000
Travel	3,000
Indirect Costs	20,423
Training Stipends	<u>10,350</u>
TOTAL	\$497,050

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