

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #91 (2004-2005)

October 25, 2004

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF CONTINUATION GRANT AWARD: READING IS
FUNDAMENTAL, INC.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept a continuation grant from Reading is Fundamental, Inc., in the amount of \$17,488. Funds will be used to provide books to students.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Anchorage School District is in its fifteenth year of participation in the federal *Reading Is Fundamental* (RIF) book-distribution program. This program operates on a matching fund basis: 75 percent from RIF and 25 percent per allocation from each participating elementary school.

A total of fifteen ASD elementary schools will participate in the RIF program during the 2004-2005 school year. The schools that are funded through a combination of federal RIF and local PTA funds are: Chinook, Creekside Park, Denali, Fairview, Government Hill, Klatt, Mt. View, Muldoon, North Star, Ptarmigan, Russian Jack, Ursa Major, Williwaw, Willow Crest, and Wonder Park. The grant provides resources to fund three book distributions per participating school which will take place between November 2004 and May 2005. The three book distributions will provide ownership of 13,302 books to approximately 4,434 children in grades one through five.

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