

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #93 (2004-2005)

October 25, 2004

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: INTERLIBRARY  
COOPERATION GRANT FOR WEST HIGH SCHOOL

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept grant funds from the State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums, in the amount of \$13,750. Funds will be used to support the Minority Literacy Project at West-Romig Library, which will provide reading materials of various levels in their first language to students who speak Russian, Tagalog, Samoan and Hmong.

PERTINENT FACTS:

In FY 2004-2005, the Anchorage School District was awarded an Interlibrary Cooperation Grant for West Anchorage High School. This competition from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development's Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums draws on funds from the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services. The purpose of the federal grant program is to improve service at institutional, public, and school libraries. In this instance, funds will be used to provide reading materials in their native languages for students who speak primarily Russian, Filipino (Tagalog), Samoan, and Hmong.

In cooperation with ASD Bilingual Education Department, the library staff at West will create a collection of books in Russian, Tagalog, Samoan, and Hmong for school-aged children in reading levels K-12. They will purchase the materials and then divide them among West High's feeder schools. Additionally, they will compile a master bibliography and disseminate it appropriately.

The elementary schools involved in this project are Turnagain, Lake Hood, Inlet View, Willow Crest, Denali, Chugach, Fairview, Government Hill, North Star, and Northwood. Elementary materials will be placed as appropriate. The West-Romig, and Central libraries will collect secondary material as appropriate.

The grant does not require a cash match. The funds themselves will be used for the most part to purchase books for students. However, money is included for addenda for the creation of the bibliography, as well as translations and transliterations as needed. Finally, there is a small amount set aside for supplies and incidental expenses.

Budget Summary:

Books	\$10,000
Contract Addenda	\$3,000
Supplies	\$500
Other	<u>\$250</u>
TOTAL	\$13,750

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