

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT: SUBMISSION OF DISCRETIONARY
GRANTS, FIRST QUARTER 2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR

PERTINENT FACTS:

The purpose of this report is to inform the School Board on a quarterly basis of new grants that have been submitted for funding.

Crossroads Smart Families Initiative; to the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Assistance, for \$49,889 for a one-year project. Crossroads School: A collaboration between the ASD Crossroads School for pregnant and parenting teens and Chugachmiut tribal consortium to provide workshops and supportive services for teen parents, focusing on teen fathers. The project is designed to help youth achieve academically; at the same time learning such important family life skills as personal responsibility, parenting, job and career planning, and financial planning. This grant has been funded.

Success in English Language Proficiency for Academic Success (SELPAA) Project; an earmark grant award from the U.S. Department of Education, Fund for the Improvement of Education, for \$497,050 for a three-year project. Bilingual/Multicultural Education Program: To purchase and implement a computer-assisted language instruction program, English Language Learning System (ELLIS), for English language acquisition and academic achievement. Funds also will support professional development for teachers in project schools.

YWCA Girls on the Run Fitness Program; to the YWCA of Anchorage; for \$6,513. Twenty-first Century Community Learning Centers: To implement the Girls on the Run Fitness Program in a summer intensive program for 300 youth at all elementary sites. The program supports projects for youth that promote

fitness in a safe and fun manner, that expand fitness opportunities for disadvantaged youth, and that promote health. This grant has been funded.

Partnership Grants

Alaska Railroad Youth Summer Employment Program; an ongoing memorandum of agreement with the Alaska Railroad, for \$28,000 for a summer 2005 project. King Career Center: To support supervised summer employment for youth through a partnership between the Alaska Railroad Corporation and Martin Luther King, Jr. Career Center. This summer work experience places high school students as tour guides on passenger trains and in Railroad offices. Students gain knowledge about such Alaska topics as Alaska History, cultures, geography, natural resources, and tourism.

Healthy Kids, Healthy Minds; to the Municipality of Anchorage, Parks and Recreation Department, for \$30,000 for a twelve-month project. Anchorage Community Education Association, in partnership with the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program: To continue an academic-based recreational program at the thirteen 21st Century Community Learning Centers sites. The grant will support program staff and will provide physical education equipment.

Other

Best Buy te@ch Grants; to Best Buy Children's Foundation for awards of Best Buy gift cards at \$2,500 per winning school. The competition rewards schools for integrating interactive technology into their curriculum.

- Bear Valley Elementary: To enhance the current multimedia reading and writing workshop program for students through updated digital technology and training.
- College Gate Elementary: To establish a "Tech Club" for primary and intermediate students to learn and apply digital photography after school and then teach other students in their classes how to use the camera for classroom projects.
- Lake Otis Elementary: To continue the use of electronic portfolios to document students' work such as book reports, writing, art projects, and presentation skills. The grant will be used to purchase additional digital cameras, peripherals, and CDs.
- Muldoon Elementary: Kindergarteners will be partnered with sixth graders to create multimedia storylines, through the use of digital cameras, camcorders, and storage media.
- Romig Middle School: This project will produce a student video presentation created and delivered by students from Romig's Peer Education Program.

- Scenic Park Elementary: To enhance a current Technology Leadership Grant project that integrates handheld computers into teaching and learning by the production of a student news program.
- Spring Hill Elementary: To provide the technology for students to create and share visual presentations and acting performances on books they have read, and to collect and compare scientific data. The grant is for digital projection and photography equipment.
- Susitna Elementary: To use multimedia projection to enhance lessons. The grant will purchase a multimedia projector.
- Taku Elementary: To improve the quality of video production of iMovies which introduce the theme of the month for the school-wide positive discipline program at Taku, and to produce visual display materials that support each theme.
- Turnagain Elementary: To expand a webquest program in which sixth grade students do Internet research and prepare a presentation on World War I figures who they believe made the greatest sacrifice in the war. The grant will provide color printers and a digital camcorder.
- Willow Crest Elementary: To expand the school's website on Alaska animals to include a community piece. The grant will be used to purchase digital video equipment and related equipment.
- Wonder Park Elementary: To provide technology for students to create, produce, and distribute classroom books using their own stories, poems, and literature with pictures of themselves and of classroom activities.
- Goldenview Middle School: To provide computer access outside of lab or common areas in the school through wireless capabilities. The grant will provide hardware and wireless access points that will connect into the school's Ethernet network, and related hardware.
- Gruening Middle School: Students will learn media production through creating class and school announcements. The grant will purchase a multimedia projector.
- Mirror Lake Middle School: To provide students with a loaner camera program so that they can record science around them as part of the science curriculum. The grant will supply a mobile center with digital cameras, hard drives, and printers.

Celebrating the Art in Language Arts; to the Ezra Jack Keats Minigrants Program, for \$350. Willow Crest Elementary: To create a winter unit inspired by Keats' "Snowy Day." Students will produce winter collages and contribute to a classroom book similar to "Snowy Day," but with an Alaskan perspective.

Rocket Payload Investigation; to the Toshiba America Foundation, for \$716. Kasuun Elementary: To provide materials for a science lesson that involves designing and building rockets to carry a payload as high as possible.

Keying in on Conversations--APTE 2004-2005 Study Group Inquiry Project; to the University of Alaska Anchorage, for \$1,440. Taku Elementary: To implement strategies that will enhance students' communication skills through discussing literature. The grant will provide children's literature and professional books for teachers.

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