

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #136 (2004-2005)

December 13, 2004

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: ALASKA COMMUNITY
LEARNING CENTER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - 21ST
CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant award from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development in the amount of \$60,903. Funding will provide technical assistance for the 21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool program.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The purpose of the grant is to provide technical assistance to the afterschool program during the 2004-2005 school year. Funds will provide a series of staff development workshops, which are held twice yearly to provide instructional opportunities for the afterschool staff at all thirteen sites. This request would fund added duty plus benefits for certificated and paraprofessional staff to attend these workshops, which are held after school and do not require staff release time.

This award includes funding to provide planning time and meetings for the afterschool staff at each of the thirteen sites. Connecting the regular school day with instructional curriculum in the afterschool program is essential to providing meaningful opportunities for students to extend their learning in the afterschool setting. This request would fund added duty addenda plus benefits for certificated and paraprofessional afterschool staff.

Additionally, this request provides training to four staff members transitioning into the 21st CCLC program from other positions in the District due to layoff and seniority issues. Funds support two added days salary and benefits for four staff members and addenda for the staff preparation and trainers.

Measurement of success

Evaluation of current programs has shown increased academic, attendance, behavioral, and attitudinal improvements as the programs have grown and children have accrued more longevity in them. Goals of the project address these areas:

- Raising student achievement in reading, writing, and math;
- Enabling students to develop positive attitudes, skills, and behaviors; and
- Extending student learning through collaboration with community partners

Under these goals, objectives identify expected outcomes within specific time frames. Sources of data and methods include benchmark and normed achievement scores, student grades, student, teacher and parent surveys and school and project records.

Budget Summary:

Added Duty Certificated	\$31,735
Added Duty Classified	11,943
Added Days, Technical Classified	5,159
Benefits	9,510
Indirect Costs	<u>2,556</u>
TOTAL	\$60,903

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