

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

MEMORANDUM #339 (2004-2005)

June 27, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: FOLLOWING THE LEADERS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept the grant of \$70,000 from Achievement Technologies, one of the partners in the Following the Leaders (FTL) organization. The Following the Leaders program provides on-line evaluation and remediation programs and support for staff and students.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Federal Department of Education has funded an assessment and instruction initiative called the Following the Leaders (FTL) program. It is available to states selected through a competitive process. Alaska was one of six states selected. Fourteen Anchorage elementary, middle and high schools used FTL supported programs in the 2004-2005 school year. This initiative will continue in 2005-2006. The FTL grant initiative provides access to technology resources and hands-on guidance to states and participating districts, and assists the districts and participating schools with implementation of formative assessment and instructional support tools and software.

Funds from this grant are used to pay the salary and benefits of a District staff person responsible for the training and implementation of the Following the Leaders (FTL) program in the Anchorage School District.

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