

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #10 (2008-2009)

August 11, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: McLAUGHLIN
TRANSITION GRANT

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by maximizing opportunities for lifelong learning.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant from the State of Alaska, Title I, Neglected & Delinquent, McLaughlin Transition Grant, in the amount of \$159,929. This ongoing program is designed to increase the rate of successful transition of adjudicated students from a juvenile justice facility back into the community.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Title I, Neglected and Delinquent funds are available to the Anchorage School District for providing school transition services to students at McLaughlin Youth Center to prepare them to re-enter their community school and to support them in their new school. The goal is to prepare students to be successful in the regular school setting after exiting an institutional placement. Funds will provide salary and benefits for a full-time school transition counselor and a half-time administrative assistant, along with added duty pay for a coordinator/evaluator, an evening school teacher, and mentoring services for these youth. This grant is expected to serve 120 youth annually. This grant may be funded for two additional years pending availability of federal funds and the requirement that grantee show satisfactory progress in meeting grant objectives. The grant does not require release time or matching funds.

In-kind services include use of McLaughlin School facilities (office and classrooms after school hours), certified and classified staff time, and services

from McLaughlin Youth Center Transition Unit staff (case management and probation services).

Budget Summary:

Personnel	\$110,406
Fringe Benefits	40,432
Supplies	1,000
Travel	2,000
Tuition & Stipends	400
Indirect Costs	<u>5,691</u>
TOTAL	\$159,929

EVALUATION:

The Title I Neglected & Delinquent grant requires specific outcome data related to the transition of students from the institutional to community setting. Follow-up data will be collected on each student at the one-month interval after exiting MYC and then on a quarterly basis for one year. Specific outcome measures for youth include continuation in school, employment, adult education, or postsecondary training.

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