

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: April 30, 2024

NUMBER: 24-140

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval to Accept
Grant Award

ABSTRACT:

Board Acceptance of New Grants

ISSUE:

At issue is the Board's Approval to accept a newly awarded grant for FY25-27

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

In February, the district applied for a 3-year grant through the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) for our Pre-Elementary Program. The purpose of this 3-year grant is for the district to improve its PreK program to comply with the Alaska Early Education Program Standards. Compliance with the Alaska Early Education Program Standards are a requirement in order for the district to apply for DEED's .5 ADM/Formula Funding Application. We received notification from DEED on March 18th that we had been awarded \$496,971 for each Fiscal Year 2025, 2026, and 2027.

Attached is the Notice of Intent to Award

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the acceptance of the Alaska Early Education Program Grant in the amount of \$496,971 for each of the Fiscal Years 2025, 2026, and 2027 as presented;
2. Disapprove the acceptance of the Alaska Early Education Program Grant as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the board approve the acceptance of the Alaska Early Education Program Grant in the amount of \$496,971 for each of the Fiscal Years 2025, 2026, and 2027 as presented;



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March 18, 2024

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

Dear Superintendent Walker,

The Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) is pleased to inform you that your district-wide early education program has been selected to receive the Alaska Early Education Program Grant in the amount of \$496,971 for each of the Fiscal Years 2025, 2026, and 2027.

The awarded amount is not equal to the amount requested in your district's application; it was adjusted due to the amount of funding allocated through AS 14.03.410(c). To receive the funding, your district will need to submit an updated plan and budget for its district-wide early education program incorporating the new funding amount and any necessary adjustments by May 30, 2024.

The 30-day appeal period begins March 18, 2024. More information about this process may be found at <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/aac.asp#4.40.020>. If no successful appeals are received, DEED intends to make the awarded funding available on July 1, 2024. Awarded funds may be used for expenditures made July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Subsequent awards will be released at the beginning of each fiscal year. As mentioned in the grant application, "the state reserves the right to modify annual awards based on the actual amount of legislative appropriation towards this grant program. All grant awards are subject to that appropriation."

DEED looks forward to collaborating with you in creating and maintaining a high-quality early education program that meets Alaska's Early Education Program Standards. If you have any questions concerning this award, please contact DEED at the information below.

Respectfully,

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