

State of Alaska FY2009 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Education and Early Development Statewide Mentoring Program Component Budget Summary

Component: Statewide Mentoring Program

Contribution to Department's Mission

The Statewide Mentoring Program Component reflects the teacher mentoring and principal coaching activities that were initiated in FY2005. These activities are designed to increase teacher retention and student achievement. The department will collaborate with the University of Alaska Statewide Office and the New Teacher Center at the University of California at Santa Cruz to ensure that mentors and coaches are properly trained, that mentors and coaches are assigned to and serve beginning teachers and principals, and that the program is evaluated for effectiveness in meeting the goals of increased teacher retention and student achievement.

Core Services

This program supports mentoring for new teachers, principals and superintendents. The primary goals of the statewide mentoring project are to increase student achievement and to retain teachers. In FY2007, the department hired 27 mentors that have been assigned to over 385 new teachers. This program is already showing tremendous progress toward retaining these new teachers. Pairing 1st year teachers with a trained, experienced mentor has proven to be a powerful tool in improving student achievement and teacher retention.

Principal coaching has two goals: improve instructional leadership leading to increased student achievement and encourage education to move into leadership roles. In FY2007, 9 coaches served 60 principals.

Mentors and coaches will receive ongoing training at least four times per year in how to be an effective mentor/coach. Training activities based on the Santa Cruz New Teacher Center model and statewide educational needs will be delivered.

Mentors will be assigned for beginning teachers from any district that chooses to participate in this program. Mentors will work with beginning teachers through on-site visits, email, phone and written correspondence.

Coaches will be assigned for principals from any district that chooses to participate in the program. Coaches will work with beginning teachers through on-site visits, email, phone and written correspondence.

Demand for both teacher and principal mentoring has exceeded the department's capacity to provide trained mentors and coaches. Federal earmarks will not be available for this program in FY2009.

FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results		
FY2009 Component Budget: \$5,000,000	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

The Department would like to accommodate the increase in the demand from school districts for these services.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2009

Additional resources have been requested to meet the need to serve additional teacher mentors and principal coaches.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2007

- 3 new superintendents received coaching;
- 27 mentors were hired and trained to serve 385 beginning teachers in 176 schools in 40 school districts.
- 9 coaches were hired and trained to serve 60 principals in 23 school districts across the state.
- Baseline data on student achievement is being generated for students whose teachers were mentored in FY2005 and FY2006.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

No statutes and regulations.

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**Statewide Mentoring Program
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	6.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	3,891.3	4,500.0	5,000.0
74000 Commodities	2.7	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	3,900.0	4,500.0	5,000.0
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	3,900.0	3,900.0
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	0.0	600.0	600.0
1053 Investment Loss Trust Fund	2,000.0	0.0	0.0
1150 ASLC Dividend	1,900.0	0.0	500.0
Funding Totals	3,900.0	4,500.0	5,000.0

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Interagency Receipts	51015	0.0	600.0	600.0
Investment Loss Trust Fund	51393	2,000.0	0.0	0.0
AK Post-Sec. Education Comm. Receipts	55520	1,900.0	0.0	500.0
Restricted Total		3,900.0	600.0	1,100.0
Total Estimated Revenues		3,900.0	600.0	1,100.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2008 Management Plan to FY2009 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2008 Management Plan	3,900.0	0.0	600.0	4,500.0
Proposed budget increases:				
-Alaska Statewide Mentoring Program Increase	0.0	0.0	500.0	500.0
FY2009 Governor	3,900.0	0.0	1,100.0	5,000.0