

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Federal Tax ID: 92-6000078****Project Title:****Project Type: Information Systems and Technology**

Anchorage - Turnagain Elementary School Interactive Display Technology

State Funding Requested: \$40,000**House District: 26 / M**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Purchase and install Interactive Display Technology for Turnagain Elementary School.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$40,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$40,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

For project detail please refer to attached document.

Project Timeline:

Please refer to attached document.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Anchorage School District

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name:	Meg Marman
Title:	Principal
Address:	3500 W. Northern Lights Blvd. Anchorage, Alaska 99517
Phone Number:	(907)742-7200
Email:	Marman_Meg@asdk12.org

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

Location Turnagain Elementary School

Project Title: Purchase 5 Interactive Display Technology

Amount of Funding Requested \$40,000.00

Total Funding to complete project \$40,000.00

Primary House District: 26 **Secondary House District(s):**

Primary Senate District: M **Secondary Senate District(s):**

Project Description **Principal's Priority** 1

To purchase and install 5 interactive displays along with hand-held student response devices.

Benefits if Project is Funded

Students will have opportunities to be actively involved in their learning through interactions with the lessons displayed on the board. Teachers are able to access lessons prepared by other educators or create their own lessons using various types of media. Previous legislative funding, a federal grant, and funds raised by our PTA organization have provided us with interactive display technology in some of our classrooms.

Impacts if Project is not Funded

This funding would provide installation of interactive displays in the remainder of classrooms presently without this technology providing equal access for all students.

of Students impacted by project 460

Project Start Year 2011

Project Finish Year 2012

Project has matching funds are available No

Project has prior state funding available No

Project has federal funding available No

Project has has a public review process Yes **Capital Request Advisory Committee**

Request Contact Information

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Validated by: Facilities **Validation Date** 12/20/2010

Project Type



Turnagain Elementary School
Parent Teacher Association
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March 7, 2011

Representative Lindsey Holmes
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Senator Hollis S. French
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Lindsey and Hollis:

Turnagain Elementary PTA is a 501(c)(3) formed to support the teachers, staff and students at Turnagain Elementary School in Anchorage, Alaska. After meetings between the teachers, staff, administration and parents at Turnagain, we all agree that our top priority is to bring more interactive computer white boards and interactive student response devices into our classrooms. Integrating current technology into our nearly 60 year old school is critical and long past due. We live in the information age; that information changes rapidly and constantly. In order for our students to be prepared to succeed in life, they need access to technology in order not only to be familiar, but to master the skills of rapid assimilation and mastery of content. They need to be able to quickly find and marshal information on a wide variety of topics. Since our Russian Immersion program is the first public Russian immersion elementary school in the US, many traditional textbook and other teaching materials simply do not exist in Russian for American elementary- aged students. Our teachers spend an enormous amount of time and effort hand translating and photo copying class lessons. With this appropriation, we will be able to have the inactive boards in all classrooms, and have access to the student handheld response devices in many more classrooms. Those boards are in daily and often constant usage. The white boards are generating an enormous level of excitement and enthusiasm for learning in our higher grade classrooms. Utilizing these boards has enabled those teachers to utilize programs and information off of the Internet, save, edit, and reuse their own lesson plans, with complete integration to the teacher's computer. Photocopying is unnecessary, as all students are able to see the information on the board simultaneously. Students are able to be far more interactive with the lesson. They use the 'clickers' to respond and give immediate, simultaneous answers to questions their teachers pose, so teachers instantly know if they students are understanding the information being taught, and if they can move on to the next point, or if they need to back track and get all the students up to speed. Students are learning how to make PowerPoint presentations, movies, and photo-shop their pictures for class papers and our yearbook. The whiteboards are designed to be touchable, so students are able to physically work on the board and see the combined work product of their peers and teachers. Being able to implement this technology will free our teachers to bring the best available programs to our students and provide the 21st century tools to empower our children to excel.

Most sincerely,

Bonnie J. Paskvan, Turnagain Elementary PTA Legislative Chair