

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: Equipment and Materials**

Anchorage - North Star Elementary School Interactive Teaching System

State Funding Requested: \$50,000**House District: 25 / M**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Purchase and install 32 interactive teaching systems.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$190,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	(\$50,000)
Project Deficit:	\$140,000

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:

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



North Star Elementary School

605 West Fireweed Lane
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February 25th, 2011

Re: Capital Request

Dear Senator Hollis French and Representatives Doogan and Holmes,

North Star Elementary recently submitted a legislative grant application in the amount of \$215,000. The reason for this request is to help North Star Elementary address a continued need for increased access to technology. This grant would help meet a fundamental educational need; increased student access to technology for the direct purpose of educationally based enrichment.

North Star Elementary is a Title I school where over 85% of the students that attend school come from low-income households. Students from these households are customarily lacking exposure and access to technology, and deficient in rich language and vocabulary. Besides good instruction, these key elements help determine if a child is going to be prepared to compete for a future job, and thus be a productive and responsible citizen in society. Research has shown that children from low-income households learn best if the material is presented in a comfortable audio-level, and supported by visual cues, which could greatly enhance each student's comprehension and vocabulary levels.

The acquisition of Interactive Teaching Systems for each classroom in our building (approximately \$190,000 for 30 plus rooms) will play a large role in helping increase student access to technology, which will directly impact student success levels in a positive manner. Our staff and district recognize that technology can be a powerful teaching aid. Technology is something that we have to consistently improve upon in our building so we can set students up for the best opportunity to achieve academically.

Sincerely,

Marcus Wilson

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Principal of North Star Elementary