Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Anchorage School District **Federal Tax ID:** 16-1725313

Project Title: **Project Type:** New Construction and Land Acquisition

Anchorage School District - South High School Field Improvements

State Funding Requested: $2,200,000 **House District:** Anchorage Areawide (16-32)
One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

South High School Athletic Field Improvements Project Completion

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$4,054,000
Funding Already Secured:	($1,854,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	($2,200,000)
Project Deficit:	$0

Funding Details:

FY2009 - $500,000 Design & Permitting

FY2012 - $1,354,000 Artificial Turf Installation

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The South High School Athletic Field Improvements Project has been in process since shortly after the high school opened in the 2004/2005 school year. South High students were unable to use the athletic field at all the first year due to ASD attempt to grow grass on the field. The following school years proved to be completely impossible to create safe field conditions, which caused many injuries to student athletes. During wet spring/summer seasons, the field was complete mud and standing water. During the one dry spring/summer season, the field was completely hard packed dirt and rocks. Between 2004 and 2008, multiple high schools and middle schools in the Anchorage School District had artificial turf installed on their athletic fields (Chugiak High, Dimond High, Eagle River High, Begich Middle, Clark Middle), and as a result saw far fewer student athlete injuries. Chugiak and Dimond High completed artificial turf installation and other field amenities with legislative capital grant funding. Their fields are now safe for student athletes, and they are able to host varsity sporting events at their schools. South High School thanks the legislature for the two initial grants for field improvements, and would now like to complete its athletic field improvements project to promote equality among high schools for hosting varisty events and to provide an athletic facility for use by the community.

Project Timeline:

Design, permitting, and turf installation has occurred. Upon confirmation of FY2013 funding request, the remaining field improvements projects would go out to bid in January or February 2013, depending on Anchorage School District, and construction would occur in spring and summer of 2013.

Contact Name: Genevieve
Contact Number: 465-3579

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$2,200,000 Approved 3:20 PM 5/2/2012

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

Anchorage School District

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name:	Kersten Johnson
Title:	Principal - South High School
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? [X] Yes [ ] No

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February 26, 2012

Via Email and Regular Mail

The Honorable Lesil McGuire
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol, Room 125
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: South Anchorage High Football/Flag Football/Soccer/Track & Field Multi-Use Athletic Field Improvements - Project Completion

Dear Senator McGuire:

It is time once again to ask for your continued support with appropriating legislative capital grant funds to complete the South Anchorage High School multi-use athletic field improvements project.

As you know, we have been asking for legislative support for this field improvements project since South High opened in the 2004/2005 school year. Thanks to your support, South High received partial project funding on two previous occasions (FY2008 grant of $500,000 for initial design, permitting, and start-up construction; and FY2011 grant of $1,354,000 for artificial turf and protective fencing installation). This means that the first two out of three project phases are complete.

While South High now has a safe field surface, the ultimate goal of having a completed multi-use athletic field facility capable of hosting varsity events remains just out of reach. South High principal Kersten Johnson and the Anchorage School District have submitted a legislative grant request for completion of this project. Please support what we hope will be the final request to complete this long-awaited project.

We urge your support because we believe this project is very important to all Southside elementary and middle school youth, South High School youth, and the community at large. As you know, Chugiak and Dimond High School multi-use athletic facilities have greatly enriched the lives of their students and brought their communities together. We wish to provide that same sense of community on the Southside of town.

In addition to the obvious benefits to youth and the community at large, completing this project will allow South High to host varsity events at the school. What this means to concerned parents is the need for their children to travel to Chugiak and Dimond to attend and support South High's Varsity sporting events against all other high schools will be greatly minimized. The completed facility will also generate funds in gate receipts and rentals for the Anchorage School District. Those funds can be used to cover maintenance and other costs the ASD typically requests to be funded through legislative grants and municipal bonds. It is our belief that, if managed properly, ASD-owned multi-use athletic field facilities will allow ASD to generate much-needed funds to support its students. This is a much better alternative than spending money to lease non-ASD facilities.

Thank you in advance for supporting funding of this third and final phase of the project with what we hope will be the final legislative capital grant appropriation. We trust you agree it makes sense to finish what has been started at South High. On behalf of past, present, and future South area youth, families, student athletes, and the Anchorage community that will benefit from this project, thank you for your support and consideration. With your help, we can complete this project once and for all. Please do not hesitate to call if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Gerharz, Director
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for Lori Schanche
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Genevieve Wojtusik

From: Bob Ottum <bob@adialaska.com>
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 11:07 AM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Mike Hawker; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Rep. Bill Thomas; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Anna Fairclough
Cc: Gerharz
Subject: South High School field improvements capital grant funding request

Honorable Senators and Representatives,
As a constituent residing within the South High School district, I am writing you today to request your support of the capital grant funding for South's field improvements to finish what was started with the wonderful turf field put in last summer. As you all know, the turf can be put to much more use with these field improvements that can then allow this field to generate revenue for ASD that it simply can not without the improvements. It would be a shame for such a great turf field that was a big investment to not be utilized to it's absolute fullest.

In addition to increased revenue is the benefit of increased sense of community potential for South High students and families for generations to come. By leveling the playing field with the likes of Dimond and Chugiak having home events, South also reduces the need and cost of having to re-locate "home" events to AFS as well. This type of capital grant expenditure is one that brings long term benefit due to it's "bricks and mortar" nature and makes lasting memories for all in the South district. In other words, it will benefit far more than just the hear and now which is one of the main reason that I, as your constituent, fully support it and hope that all of you will also.

Thank you,

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Genevieve Wojtusik

From: The Alaska Starkels (Chet, Tamy & Austin) <chet.starkel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 3:57 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Mike Hawker; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Rep. Bill Thomas; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Anna Fairclough
Subject: South High

Dear Representatives and Senators,

Please approve the grant for South High, so they can complete their Football/Soccer/Track Field Improvements. Our family is in support of it and hope you will too.

It means a lot for the children who attend the school. It allows them to be able to play sports at their own school and be proud of it! It would be great for South High to have equal status with Dimond and Chugiak high schools, and establish the same solid sense of community currently enjoyed by those two high school. It would allow all schools to have another place to play sports, increase revenue for ASD (gate receipts, facilities rentals, and not having to lease off-site facilities, reduced bussing costs), and bring communities together. Plus, give South community spirit.

Thank you,
Tamara Starkel
South High Mom

Genevieve Wojtusik

From: micks@acsalaska.net
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 11:27 AM
To: Sen. Lesil McGuire
Subject: South High Football Field Improvements

Please finalize and provide the funding for the South football/soccar/track field improvements.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Susan Klimow, MD

Genevieve Wojtusik

From: Lori Schanche <loriees@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 10:29 AM
To: Sen. Lesil McGuire
Subject: Re: South High Sports Funding

Dear Senator McGuire

I am writing in support of continued State grant funding for South High Sports facilities. I know you have been instrumental in the past and I hope we can count on your continued support.

These improvements will create much needed improvements for our children at the school and relieve parents and family of driving and bussing of students out of town for games (ie Chugiak). Plus construction of these improvements reduces the need to rent Municipal facilities (Anchorage Football Stadium).

Thank you again.

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Sent from my iPad

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Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 10:28 AM
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