

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

# Anchorage - Steller Secondary School Computer Lab

**State Funding Requested: \$ 32,000****House District: 25 - M**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

This capital request would be used to purchase a new computer lab at Steller Secondary School.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$32,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

This project is an education priority. Currently, Steller only has one computer lab large enough to accommodate a class full of students. This capital request would provide the funding for another computer lab with 26 computer stations. Funding would also go toward a Smartboard, projector, and tables for the computer lab. This lab would allow Steller's teachers to integrate technology into their instruction on a consistent basis. The academic function of the lab would be for student research, student project development, and interactive online lessons as well as to support technology specific classes. It is imperative that education in Alaska include technology because it is such an integral part of life today.

**Project Timeline:**

If granted then computers will be purchased as soon as the money is available.

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

ASD

**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



February 28, 2008  
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Representative Mike Doogan  
Alaska Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 112  
Juneau, AK 99801-1187

Dear Representative Doogan,

Re: computer lab - Steller

Thank you for your consideration of the projects submitted by Steller Secondary School for legislative review. We appreciate your interest in our school and our students, both of which are valuable assets to our community and state.

As the only secondary school in the Anchorage School District with students in grades 7 through 12, Steller serves a unique population. We currently have one computer lab that is large enough to house an entire classroom of students for instruction. Because we have only one computer lab of this size, the students' opportunity to utilize computers and technology as a regular instructional component of any class is limited. It is essential for our students continued academic growth that they have regular access to technology in an instructional setting.

The addition of a computer lab with 26 computer stations (one teacher and 25 student stations) would allow our teachers to integrate technology into their instruction on a consistent basis. The lab would be utilized only for instruction and would be used throughout the school day as well as before and after school. The academic function of the lab would be for student research, student project development, and interactive online lessons as well as to support technology specific classes. A Smartboard or Promethium Board, projector and "clickers" (handheld electronic student response devices) would allow for a wide variety of instructional opportunities for our students. In addition, the lab would allow for before and after school opportunities for remediation in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics, as well as the opportunity, for students to work on skill development and classroom assignments.

This project would require Steller to utilize a current classroom for the lab and move one full day rotation of classes to a relocatable. The classroom selected for the lab has already been wired for some additional computer drops and would require the least additional electrical upgrades of any classroom in the building. The breakdown of items included in the capital request is listed below:

Computers- 26

Smartboard- 1

Projector- 1

Tables (with cord control)- 25

Clickers (class set)- 25

Steller will provide the printers needed for the computer lab, teacher desk, chairs, and television mounted on a bracket, along with needed additional software. A design layout of the proposed classroom is included as an enclosure. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me.

As a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School (Fall 2005), it is very important to the staff and our community that we continue the long standing tradition of academic excellence at Steller. We appreciate your support of education and our school as a part of your community.

Sincerely,

Karin Parker

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# KEN'S ROOM

Windows

35'

