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SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION

Title:	Board Update on Career & Technical Education		
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Administrator:	John O'Brien, Director of Secondary Education & Student Activities through Sean Dusek, Assistant Superintendent  		
Attachments:	N/A		

Action Needed For Discussion Information Other: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

KPBSD Benefitting from Senate Bills 84 and 199

The Secondary Education Department continues to move forward with implementation of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) plan with the infusion of SB 84 and SB 199 monies (\$1.2 million a year for the next four years). This summer will close out year 1 of the plan with multiple capital improvement projects across the district (Nanwalek, KCHS, Seward High, and Skyview). This school year additional afterschool CTE academies were offered beyond our Construction Education Foundation grant academies, and the District piloted our "Fractional CTE Class" offerings with the hiring of three industry Type M teacher candidates.

Year 2 (2012-2013) will focus on expansion of "Fractional CTE Course" offerings to every high school in the district, implementation of our new District Career Counselor, extensive work and final implementation of Personalized Learning and Career Plans for every student in grades 7-12/AKCIS, and some additional capital improvement projects throughout the district. Additionally, middle school students across the District will see enhanced CTE offerings in their schools along with career counseling services provided by District Career Guides/Liaisons under the direction of the District Career Counselor.

SB 199 provides the KPBSD with approximately \$200,000.00 in Career and Technical Education monies for Districtwide middle schools. Here is a summary of the process used to craft a plan to use monies from SB199 for middle school CTE.

Early April, 2012 - Director O'Brien emailed middle school principals the good news of SB 199 and informed them he would be sharing a proposal with Career and Technical Advisory Committee (CTAC) and following up with them on discussions.

April 17, 2012 - CTAC meeting: Committee discussed both SB84 and SB199. New monies from SB199 were mostly to be targeted for getting middle school students to start developing Personal Learning and Career Plan (PLCP) and Alaska Career Information System (AKCIS) portfolios through the work of new career guides and guidance counselors but also to support existing CTE programs at our middle schools with needed additional equipment and supplies and some FTE for our middle schools for new/expanded CTE offerings.

April/May - Worked with principals on their individual plans at their sites. (See table on page 3)

Partnership with the Alaska College & Career Advising Corps

We are excited to share that starting in the 2012-2013 school year KPBSD will be working in partnership with the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education to bring The Alaska College & Career Advising Corps (ACAC) to two of our high schools. Nikiski and Skyview high school were targeted by the commission due to their enrollment sizes and postsecondary participation rates. Nikiski and Skyview will share a College & Career Guide.

The Alaska College & Career Advising Corps was started in spring 2009 as a method to address low postsecondary participation rates in Alaska. It is a near peer mentoring program that places recent college graduates (within one year or less) into targeted high schools. The "College & Career Guides" work alongside the counselors, teachers and administration to ultimately increase the number of graduates who enroll in and complete postsecondary education or training programs. The Guides do a variety of things from classroom and group presentations, one-on-one assistance with admissions and financial aid applications, and working with parents and families in evening workshops. They also provide resources and assistance in preparing students for PSAT, SAT, ACT and other entrance and placement exams. The guides are embedded in the school and work to become active members of the school community.

Here is a list of the 2012 expansion of the Alaska College & Career Advising Corps and the College & Career Guides that will be placed in Alaska high schools:

ACPE/ACAC will have College & Career Guides at the following schools in fall 2012

Service High School	2009 Pilot Site
Bartlett High School	2010 Expansion
Bethel Regional High School	2011 Expansion
Kodiak High School <i>(and 8 rural schools in the district)</i>	2012 Expansion
Lathrop High School	2012 Expansion
Nikiski Middle/High School <i>(shared guide with Skyview)</i>	2012 Expansion
North Pole High School	2012 Expansion
Skyview High School <i>(shared guide with Nikiski)</i>	2012 Expansion

As part of KPBSD's CTE plan and the monies allocated to the District from the legislature from SB 84 and SB 199, the District will also be expanding our own cadre of Career Guides/Liaisons. For the past few years KPBSD has had only one Career Guide on staff though our Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Youth First Grant. Our plan is to expand our Career Guides/Liaisons with two additional guides assigned specifically to the Seward and the Homer areas.

The purpose of this communication is to provide the board an update on developing plans and seek any input you may have as further discussions take place with the District Career and Technical Advisory Committee and local site councils.

School/Site	Request	Purpose
Homer Middle School	.25 FTE	For additional CTE offerings
Homer Middle School	Funds	To support a Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) based engineering robotics type module/course (equipment, supplies, and curriculum)
Nikiski Middle School	.25 FTE	Added to currently planned .5 FTE additional CTE teacher to work with both middle and high school students in metals/welding trades
Seward Middle School	Funds	To implement "Project Lead the Way" (PLTW) at the middle school level, develop a site plan, purchase equipment/supplies, and send principal out of state for PLTW training. High school principal also hopes to explore this program for FY 14.
K-12 Schools	Funds	Worked/working with Director Vlasak on K-12 schools and their plans for the money. The District is allocating 20% of the \$400K to Director Vlasak for Small and K-12 school plans to be developed this fall.
Kenai Middle School & Soldotna Middle School	Funds	Each site will receive a significant amount of much needed funds to upgrade equipment/supplies in their existing programs. Both schools will share Steve Schoessler (.5 at each location) to add a new metals/welding program at their respective schools.
6 th -8 th Graders at Chapman Elementary	Funds	Working with Principal to purchase equipment/supplies to re-start an old program Chapman had in a portable behind the school.
District-wide	Two six-hour per day positions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 1 - Seward Area o 1 - Homer Area 	Expand career guide coverage at all district middle and high schools. This will also be partially funded by our Youth First Grant. Objective is to get kids thinking college/career ready in middle school and continue to support them in grades 9-12. (PLCP's/AKCIS for every student grades 7-12)

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

N/A