

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM # 73 (2005-2006)

October 24, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: 2005 H.U.G.S.S. AND COATS FOR KIDS

ASD Goal: Maintaining a supportive and effective learning environment by collaborating with other community agencies to maximize opportunities for learning.

PERTINENT FACTS:

For the fifth year in a row, thousands of students started off school on the right foot thanks to the tireless efforts of the local community.

Catholic Social Services, the Salvation Army and Lutheran Social Services have partnered with numerous agencies and businesses, including the Mt. View Boys and Girls Club and the Anchorage School District, to help children start the school year with proper supplies and coats through the H.U.G.S.S. (Helping Us Give School Supplies) and Coats for Kids project.

During the summer, community members and businesses are asked to donate school supplies and gently used coats or to make cash donations to ensure children in the local community will have adequate supplies to start school.

This year, more than 4,500 students received supplies, backpacks and winter clothing through the program. Approximately 20,000 students have benefited from H.U.G.S.S. during the past five years.

Also, thanks to Barb Dexter with the ASD's Child in Transition/Homeless program, 400 additional homeless students were identified at this year's H.U.G.S.S. distribution. Those students will now be able to get help and support through the Child in Transition/Homeless program.

It is requested that the School Board recognize Catholic Social Services, the Salvation Army, Lutheran Social Services, Mt. View Boys and Girls Club and Barb Dexter for their continued dedication and efforts put forth to make this a truly successful project for all involved.

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