

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM # 150 (2005-2006)

January 9, 2006

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: NATIONAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION RECIPIENTS

*ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by continuing to retain, recruit and train highly qualified staff.*

PERTINENT FACTS:

National Board Certification, offered by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), is a demonstration of a candidate's teaching practice as measured against high and rigorous standards. It is a symbol of commitment to excellence in teaching. Once National Board Certified, a teacher holds a credential attesting to the fact that he or she has been assessed by their peers as one who is accomplished, makes sound professional judgments about student learning, and acts effectively on those judgments.

Candidates achieve National Board Certification if they meet or exceed NBPTS Standards by demonstrating their knowledge through portfolio entries and assessment exercises. The Anchorage School District now has 29 National Board Certified teachers. The four most recently certified teachers are:

- Pearl Theonnes of Gladys Wood Elementary;
- Ingrid Lindberg of Susitna Elementary;
- Alta Collins of Chester Valley Elementary;
- Annette Durbin of Williwaw Elementary;

Anchorage's first National Board Certified Teacher, Joellen Solmonson of Bear Valley Elementary, completed the renewal process last year and is successfully recertified.

It is requested the School Board recognize these 5 individuals for their professional teaching excellence.

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