

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #255 (2005-2006)

April 10, 2006

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: 2006 ALASKA MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

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

PERTINENT FACTS:

Sherry Ellers has been selected the 2006 Alaska Middle School Principal of the Year, an award given by the Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals (AASSP).

Sherry, the principal at Hanshew since 1997 and District employee for 21 years, was recognized for her outstanding school leadership and success in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students. Sherry is an expert in reading instruction and has created innovative reading support elective programs at Hanshew which have dramatically improved student test scores. In addition, Sherry was the key instructional leader in the creation of the District's current middle school summer school model. She also serves as a mentor to new and aspiring principals.

Sherry is now eligible for the National Middle School Principal of the Year award which will be presented in February 2007. In the meantime, she will have the opportunity to travel to Washington, DC in December to attend a leadership conference with other state winners from across the nation.

It is requested that the School Board recognize Sherry Ellers for her well deserved selection as the 2006 Alaska Middle School Principal of the Year. She is a credit to her profession, this community and the Anchorage School District.

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