

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #326 (2005-2006)

May 22, 2006

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF ASAA GOLD LIFETIME PASS HONOREE

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by promoting health and wellness and supporting extracurricular activities.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Tom Huffer, Sr. was the first varsity football coach at the newly built Chugiak High School in 1969. One of his favorite sayings was, "They don't call us the black and blue Mustangs for nothing." He later went on to coach two state championship football teams in 1984 and 1988.

Coach Huffer believed that it wasn't good enough to simply put on a uniform. To him, what mattered most was that each student did his or her best. Team reputations are often characterized by wins and losses. However, not once in all his years as a coach, did anyone hear him tell his players that they needed to win. Instead he was frequently heard telling his players, whether it was school or family matters, that they needed to do their best and do the right thing.

Coach Huffer officially retired from the ASD in 1990 but continues to remain active in the school community.

At a recent meeting, the Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) unanimously voted to award Coach Huffer with an honorary ASAA Gold Lifetime Pass, granting him free admission to high school interscholastic activities.

It is requested that the School Board recognize Tom Huffer for his exemplary service to the students and citizens of Alaska as an athlete, coach, teacher, official, advisor and mentor.

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