

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM # 31 (2006-2007)

September 11, 2006

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ASD RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL INDIAN
EDUCATION ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, caring, barrier-free schools; promoting health and wellness; and continuing to retain, recruit and train highly qualified staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve a resolution in support of the National Indian Education Association Convention October 19-22, 2006.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The National Indian Education Association (NIEA) offers many opportunities for staff, students and community members to share and learn more about what is taking place globally to improve education for Indigenous people. This is particularly important as the district has more than 6,900 Alaska Native/American Indian students. This convention immediately precedes the Alaskan Federation of Natives/First Alaskans Youth and Elders annual conference that begins on October 23rd.

The ASD is proud to play a role in the NIEA 37th annual convention by sending student, teacher and parent representatives. Several district staff members are also volunteering their time to support the event.

CC/ME/HE

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ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD
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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 37TH ANNUAL NATIVE INDIAN
EDUCATION CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 19-22, 2006

WHEREAS, the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) was established in 1969 for the purpose of advocating, planning and promoting the unique and special educational needs of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians; and

WHEREAS, NIEA, as the largest national Indian organization of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian educators, administrators, parents and students in the United States, provides a forum to discuss and act upon issues affecting the education of Indian and Native people; and

WHEREAS, the 37th NIEA Annual Convention will be held in Anchorage, Alaska at the Egan Center and the Performing Arts Center on October 19 through October 22, 2006; and

WHEREAS, approximately 7,000 Alaska Native/American Indian students attend school in the Anchorage School District and comprise the largest ethnic minority population; and

WHEREAS, among all ethnic groups in the Anchorage School District, Alaska Native/American Indian students experience the largest gaps in academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, the NIEA Conference offers a unique opportunity to educators and students in the Anchorage School District to learn about innovations in educational methods specific to Alaska Native/American Indian achievement; and

WHEREAS, the NIEA Conference additionally offers opportunities for collaboration with the Alaska Native/American Indian educational community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage School District supports maximum participation in the 37th Annual NIEA conference by Anchorage School District staff and students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anchorage School District also supports this conference by various other means such as workshop presentations, event space and buses; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anchorage School District fully supports the spirit and intent of the NIEA conference and welcomes its delegates to Anchorage October 19-22, 2006

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of September, 2006.

Jeff Friedman, President

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Tim Steele
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Carol Comeau, Superintendent

John Steiner
Mary Marks
Jake Metcalfe