

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #94 (2006-2007)

October 2, 2006

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF 2006 ALASKA STATE TEACHER OF THE
YEAR AWARD

ASD Goal: *Maintain a supportive learning environment by retaining highly qualified staff.*

PERTINENT FACTS:

Two Anchorage teachers have risen to the top among a pool of statewide candidates. Longtime educator Arlene Sandberg has been named 2006 Alaska Teacher of the Year. The district's other candidate was Linda Juliard; she was selected as the alternate for the award.

Arlene Sandberg has taught the last seven of her 26 years as an English-as-a-Second-Language Resource teacher at Mountain View Elementary. As a child, Arlene appreciated that school was a safe place to be. In her application she wrote the teachers "were wonderful role models in my life. They made me believe in myself. What better gift than to become a teacher and be a role model for students."

Arlene said she sees herself as the voice and advocate for her students with limited English proficiency whose parents might not have enough oral skills to speak on their behalf. She says they speak the same language when it comes to the future of their children.

Arlene's students have made outstanding progress in gaining proficiency in English. Many spend one to three years in her learning center and afterward spend all their instructional time in regular classes. She continues to follow the progress of those who still live in Anchorage.

Linda Juliard, the alternate 2006 Alaska Teacher of the Year, is a third and fourth grade teacher at Aquarian Charter School. Linda has 13 years of teaching experience. Aquarian's principal Sue Forbes says Linda is enthusiastic and creates fun learning experiences. In addition to her teaching expertise, Linda gives freely of her time at lunch time and after school to tutor students, mentor teachers, head science fairs, Battle of the Books, and Drama Club.

It is requested the School Board formally honor Arlene Sandberg and Linda Juliard for their outstanding work in the classroom that led to this honorable award and recognition.

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