

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #148 (2006-2007)

December 4, 2006

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF TERRY HIGLEY K-12 TEACHER AWARD WINNER

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

PERTINENT FACTS:

Russian language teacher Michele Whaley is the 2006 Terry Higley award winner. This award is presented by Alaskans for Language Acquisition, the statewide professional organization for world language teachers. The award honors outstanding foreign language teachers at the elementary and secondary level and is named after Terry Higley, an outstanding French teacher at Bartlett High School from 1973 until her death in 1998.

Michele has taught Russian at Romig Middle School and East and West High Schools for many years. One of Michele's colleagues writes, "Michelle discusses and shares classroom methods with her peers with great enthusiasm. She never misses monthly department meetings and is always involved with great ideas that help move us forward as a department."

Michele is the local founder and director of the annual Russian Olympiada Competition where students statewide meet to showcase their Russian language and culture skills. Michele has also received the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Teacher Recognition award and was a BP Teacher of Excellence in 1998.

It is requested that the School Board recognize Michele Whaley for being named the 2006 Terry Higley K-12 teacher of the year. Her enthusiasm and dedication towards her students and the Russian program are exemplary.

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