

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #193 (2006-2007)

February 26, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION ON POSITIVE SCHOOLWIDE DISCIPLINE AND CSF PROGRAM

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

PERTINENT FACTS:

Elementary students learn at their highest levels in safe, supportive and caring environments. Elementary principals and staff members in our 60 elementary schools have worked for the past six years to develop schoolwide positive discipline plans; the last cadre of school teams was trained today.

Positive schoolwide discipline focuses on providing a supportive environment for academic, personal and social growth of students and staff. Emphasis is placed on building a system throughout the school that addresses all students, with all staff in all settings. Historically discipline systems have used a punitive or reactive model. In contrast, this model takes a proactive approach. Emphasis is placed on systematically teaching expected behaviors, and then various strategies are used to encourage and maintain those behaviors.

The Creating Successful Futures (CSF) program is a targeted group intervention that utilizes the concepts of positive discipline and applies them in a program for kindergarten through third grade students who are at risk of school failure due to anti-social behaviors.

This program was created in the elementary division of the Anchorage School District to address the needs of students who must turn around problem behaviors in the early grades in order to be successful in school. Since implementing the CSF program for students in grades K-3, hundreds of students have been served, and the majority of students in the program have realized long-term positive gains in social skills.

As we continue to work to achieve the highest levels of safety and support for students in our elementary schools, we will achieve safer school environments and higher levels of student learning and success.

CC/RG/PM

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