

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #275 (2006-2007)

April 30, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF WORLD LANGUAGE STUDENTS

ASD Goal: *Increase student academic achievement; establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by challenging each student academically.*

PERTINENT FACTS:

Chi-Hyn Kim of Service High School and Tapaafanua Fatuleai of West High School understand language problems – in the best way. Chi-Hyun, a junior, has been studying German for three years and recently scored above the 98th percentile on the American Association of Teachers of German national exam, an amazing feat. His performance allowed him to qualify for the national competition, in which representatives from the 100 AATG chapters compete. Chi-Hyun was chosen as one of 39 finalists and won a trip to Germany. He credits his teacher, Fauna Hancock, with preparing him for competition.

Tappafanua, a senior, took on his studies of the Russian language four years ago, and will now be able to practice his skills in that country. Tapa, as he is known, won this year's statewide Alaska Russian Olympiada on March 30 and won a trip to Russia, which he will visit this summer, joining 14 other regional contest winners on the trip. He will fly to Moscow and then to Vladimir, a beautiful city full of history, where he will live with a family and attend Russian classes at the university for three full weeks. He credits the dedication of his teacher Michele Whaley for his competitive edge.

This is a request that the Anchorage School Board officially recognize Chi-Hyun Kim and Tapaafanua Fatuleai for their outstanding academic achievements and wish them good luck on their international travels.

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