

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #39 (2007-2008)

September 10, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN
MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHER RECIPIENT REBECCA SORENSEN

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

PERTINENT FACTS:

Rebecca Sorensen of Inlet View Elementary is often called “the best math teacher I ever had” by her former students. Her enthusiasm for her subject and ability to adapt curriculum to individual students made her a prime candidate for the 2006 Presidential Award for Math and Science Teaching for Alaska. Winning that honor acknowledges Rebecca as one of the country’s premier mathematics and science teachers in the nation.

Enacted in 1983, the awards for K-12 teachers are administered by the National Science Foundation for the White House. Teachers are recognized for their contribution to teaching and learning, and their ability to help students make progress in math and science. The PAEMST program selects 108 teachers for the awards, bringing the winners to Washington, D.C. for official recognition and presenting them with a \$10,000 prize from the science foundation.

Rebecca says she tells students that every brain in the world works differently and that what works for one may not work for another. She emphasizes that “we all have wonderful brains that are capable of great things if we just keep trying and do our best.”

This is a request to congratulate Rebecca on her outstanding achievement and her dedication to the success of Anchorage School District students.

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