

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #60 (2007-2008)

October 8, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR  
FINALIST, CHERYL GUYETT

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

PERTINENT FACTS:

The National Association of Secondary School Principals knows what makes a good principal. That's why the association named Dimond High School Principal Cheryl Guyett as one of three finalists for its 2008 National Principal of the Year award.

Criteria for the award include the principal's accomplishments in improving his/her school's climate, building teams, spearheading reform, and collaborating with community members. Cheryl's achievements match perfectly with those guidelines.

When she became the principal of Dimond High School in 2004, Cheryl took up the mission of providing structures to enhance collaboration between students, parents and teachers. A Monday late-start schedule created 45 minutes each week for teachers to work in teams on instruction. Staff members engage in vertical teaming with elementary and middle schools, cross-district world language projects, grade-level curriculum alignment, and technology applications.

Guyett and her staff have implemented many concepts to personalize the school and increase student success, such as lunchtime tutoring, homework assistance, extended learning, credit recovery, and reading assistance. The creation of four houses, including a Freshman House, has increased school safety, improved student and staff satisfaction, raised student achievement, and instilled a sense of community often lost in large schools.

This is a request to recognize Cheryl's abilities and achievements and show the District's gratitude for her continued efforts.

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