

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #61 (2007-08)

October 8, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, caring, barrier-free schools.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Student safety is the overarching goal of the Anchorage School District. Our educational programs instruct students on how to maintain healthy lifestyles, how to handle emergency situations and to be aware of traffic and their surroundings on city streets. School Bus Safety Week enhances that awareness and allows us to focus on the daily transportation of roughly 20,000 of our students.

School buses are still the safest form of transportation in the United States. According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, school buses are nearly eight times safer than passenger vehicles.

The administration recommends approval of a resolution recognizing Oct. 22-26, 2007 as School Bus Safety Week in the Anchorage School District. The resolution symbolizes the strong support the Anchorage School Board places on all phases of school bus safety.

CC/ME/TW

Prepared by: Terry Wilson, Communications Specialist

Approved by: Michelle Egan, Communications Director

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD
ASDR 2007-2008-03

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK, OCTOBER 22, 2007 THROUGH OCTOBER 26, 2007

WHEREAS, America's 480,000 school buses comprise the largest mass transportation fleet in the country, 2.5 times the size of all other forms of mass transit, intercity buses, commercial airlines, and rail combined;

WHEREAS, during the school year, school buses make more than 50 million passenger trips daily carrying approximately 25 million children;

WHEREAS, the Anchorage School District transports approximately 20,000 students daily on 252 buses, to and from school, on a daily basis., and the buses tally about 3 million miles each year;

WHEREAS, school buses meet higher construction, equipment, and inspection standards than any other vehicle, and school bus drivers meet higher qualification, training, and testing standards than any other drivers;

WHEREAS, School Bus Safety Week, which dates back to 1966, also recognizes the hard work and dedication of school transportation personnel, especially the many school bus drivers who ensure a safe journey each and every day; and

WHEREAS, School Bus Safety Week promotes awareness through local and state activities to educate the public of school bus safety issues:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage School Board supports the goals and ideals of School Bus Safety Week.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of October, 2007.

Tim Steele, President

Macon Roberts
Jeff Friedman
Crystal Kennedy

John Steiner
Mary Marks
Chris Tuck

Carol Comeau, Superintendent