

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #62

(2007-2008)

October 8, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 23-31, 2007 AS RED  
RIBBON WEEK IN THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ASD GOAL: *Establish and maintain an effective learning environment.*

PERTINENT FACTS:

Drug and alcohol abuse in America cripples our society and prevents many people from reaching their full potential at school, on the job, and in their communities. To improve the well being of our District and to protect our students, we must continue to make the prevention and treatment of drug and alcohol abuse a top priority. We must clearly communicate to our youth that the abuse of drugs or alcohol is dangerous and harmful to both their health and their future.

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. It serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education, and a personal commitment to live drug-free lives.

In addition, Red Ribbon Week commemorates the ultimate sacrifice made by DEA Special Agent Enrique Camarena, who died at the hands of drug dealers in Mexico while fighting the battle against illegal drugs.

This is a request by the administration that the Anchorage School Board adopt the attached resolution designating October 23-31, 2007 as Red Ribbon Week in the Anchorage School District.

CC/ME/TW

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**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD**  
ASDR 2007-2008-04

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 23-31, 2007 AS RED RIBBON WEEK IN THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Anchorage School District values the health and safety of all of its students and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, substance abuse is particularly damaging to one of our most valuable resources, our children, and is a contributing factor in the three leading causes of death for teenagers -- accidents, homicides and suicides; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the goal of the Anchorage School District to educate employees, students and families and establish an atmosphere that supports awareness, education and on-going initiatives to prevent illegal drug use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Ribbon Campaign promotes family and individual responsibility for living healthy, drug-free lifestyles, without illegal drugs or the illegal use of legal drugs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anchorage School Board hereby proclaims October 23-31, 2007 as Red Ribbon Week in the Anchorage School District, and urges all students, employees and families to protect our community from the dangers of alcohol and other drugs.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Anchorage School Board this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD

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