

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #114 (2007-2008)

November 12, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF ALASKA ASSISTANT SECONDARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, SHANNON GALLAGHER

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

PERTINENT FACTS:

One of the district's own has once again been named the **Alaska Assistant Secondary School Principal of the Year** by the Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals. **Shannon Gallagher**, an assistant principal at **Mears Middle School**, has dedicated the last 20 years of her life to improving public education – first as an elementary teacher and since 2003, as a principal. She is known for her superior skills as an instructional coach, mentor and community advocate.

Shannon is a positive role model for Mears' diverse student population. She is a member of the district's Native Advisory Committee, and has participated in the International Bullying Prevention Conference and the Framework for Understanding Poverty workshop. She brings new insight to her school, supervising and coordinating the Aggressors, Victims and Bystanders program at Mears, as well as a new middle school Internet safety program.

Her administrator, Michael Perkins, says Shannon has organized numerous classes and study groups for teachers that focus on improving literacy and instructional skills.

“Shannon is an exceptional example in the area of customer service, acting like a magnet for positive relations with students, teachers and parents. She also has tremendous leadership skills, and is a model of continuous professional growth,” Perkins says.

This is a request to recognize Shannon for this statewide honor and for her accomplishments in the Anchorage School District.

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