

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #137 (2007-2008)

December 3, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES  
EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR, SHIRLEY KENDALL

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

PERTINENT FACTS:

**East High School** Tlingit language teacher, **Shirley Kendall**, was presented with the **Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education** award at the **Alaska Federation of Natives** convention in Fairbanks in October. Shirley was noted for her many contributions to the Anchorage School District in developing an Alaska Native language curriculum, and for her commitment to her students.

Shirley was acknowledged for being a Harvard-educated, Alaska Native woman, who chose to bring her education and skills back to Alaska. She is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of Native languages and heritage. Her life's work has had a profound impact on the education of Native students, the Native community and educational system.

As Doreen Brown, supervisor of the ASD Title VII, Indian Education Program, said, Shirley truly deserves this honor. Her passion is educating students.

This is a request to recognize Shirley Kendall for earning this honor in every way. Her contributions have helped weave Alaska Native culture into our district - through the teaching of curriculum and increasing awareness of Native values and living history.

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