

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #176 (2007-2008)

January 14, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by collaborating with other community agencies to maximize opportunities for lifelong learning.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends the Anchorage School Board adopt the attached resolution in support of the Martin Luther King Day of Service set for January 21, 2008.

PERTINENT FACTS:

During his lifetime, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. worked tirelessly toward a dream of equality. He believed in a nation of freedom and justice for all, and encouraged citizens to live up to the purpose and potential of America. The annual King Day of Service is a way to use his teachings by solving social problems through community service.

On January 21, Americans of every age and background will celebrate Dr. King through service projects that strengthen communities, empower individuals and bridge barriers. In the Anchorage School District, **King Career Center** staff will assist in the Municipality of Anchorage's "50 Bikes" project that will reward students who have performed community service or served in a leadership role in their families.

This is a request that the Anchorage School Board honor Dr. King's legacy by supporting community service activities in Anchorage on January 21, 2008.

CC/ME/TW

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ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD
ASDR 2007-2008-10

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JANUARY 21, 2008 AS MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE,

WHEREAS, in 1994 the U.S. Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, designating the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service, interracial cooperation, and youth anti-violence initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National & Community Service, in partnership with the Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change will celebrate the 22nd anniversary of the holiday with its national MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 21, and

WHEREAS, Anchorage will conduct its 8th MLK Day of Service Project on January 21 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Spenard Community Center with a youth mentoring project, "50 Bikes/50 Kids/50 Teams of Mentors" - a partnership between the King Career Center, Points of Light Foundation, Anchorage Parks Foundation and Corporation for National Service. The service project recognizes 50 Anchorage youth, ages 8 to 17, who have been nominated by local community agencies to receive a new Trek bike. Nomination criteria included demonstrations of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the generous contributions of local businesses and individuals have made this MLK Day of Service Project possible,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage School Board hereby proclaims January 21, 2008 as the Martin Luther King Day of Service for the Anchorage School District, and urges all students, employees and families to participate in community service on that day.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage School Board this 14th day of January, 2008.

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