

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #180 (2007-2008)

February 25, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF AMY GOODMAN FOR PUBLICATION IN  
"MIDDLE SCHOOL JOURNAL."

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

PERTINENT FACTS:

Literacy support teacher Amy Goodman shared the virtues of student-led conferences through publication of her report, "Student-Led, Teacher-Supported Conferences: Improving Communication across an Urban District," in the January 2008 issue of the "Middle School Journal." Amy presented the excellent results from student-led, middle school conferences in the Anchorage School District to readers of the journal, which is an official publication of the National Middle School Association. It is published just five times per year for the association's 30,000 members.

Her report shows how student-led conferences increased family participation in conferences across the board. Family members who attended the conferences rated them very high and students said they had more input and felt more empowered by the conferences.

"We believe that thoughtful, districtwide change on a large scale can take place and that parent communication can be improved through student-led, teacher-supported conferences," Goodman wrote in her conclusion.

This is a request to recognize Amy Goodman for her outstanding contribution to the journal and for helping the district spread the good news of its student-led conferences.

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