

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #301 (2007-2008)

April 28, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF THE WEST HIGH SCHOOL WE THE PEOPLE TEAM

*ASD Goal: Increase student academic achievement; and establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by offering reinforcing extracurricular activities.*

PERTINENT FACTS:

West High School's state champion "**We the People**" team are about to leave for the May 2-6 Citizen and the Constitution National Finals in Washington, D.C. It's another chance for them to grab the Western Region title and perhaps a top 10 finish. They came so close last year, when they earned 11<sup>th</sup> place and the regional title. The West High team has won the state competition seven times and placed three times at nationals, including a fourth-place finish in 2003. Teacher **Pamela Orme**, who was named a BP Teacher of Excellence in 2007, is the driving force behind the team and well respected by her students.

The finals are the annual culminating event for the We the People team. The competition, in the form of simulated congressional hearings, consists of oral presentations by students before panels of judges from the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Students testify as constitutional experts before a "congressional committee" made up of judges.

Just as a warm-up, some of the students stunned local radio personality, Dan Fagan, with their consummate knowledge of the Constitution. Their energy and understanding of the rights of American citizenry is inspiring.

This is a request to officially recognize the West High School We the People team and Pamela Orme for their outstanding accomplishments in the cause of liberty.

CC/ME/TW

Approved by: Michelle Egan, Communications Director

Prepared by: Terry Wilson, Communications Specialist