

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #49 (2008-2009)

September 8, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAYOR'S DIVERSITY MONTH

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, caring, barrier-free schools; promoting health and wellness; and continuing to retain, recruit and train highly qualified staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve a resolution recognizing September 1 through September 30, 2008 as Mayor's Diversity Month.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Anchorage citizens are blessed to live in a community that represents such diversity of people, cultures, and religions. We recognize that there is strength in our diversity. Even though we have different ancestries, as Anchorage residents, we share common ideals of making life better for our families, securing our freedoms as citizens and increasing our connections as a community through cultural awareness.

During Mayor's Diversity Month, events and programs are scheduled to build positive relationships and to encourage acceptance of Anchorage's diverse citizens. The community is invited to participate in the celebration.

The administration recommends the Anchorage School Board adopt a resolution recognizing Sept. 1 through Sept. 30, 2008 as Mayor's Diversity Month.

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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAYOR'S DIVERSITY MONTH,
SEPTEMBER 1, 2008 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

WHEREAS, people of all ages, cultures, abilities and backgrounds make significant contributions to the growth of this great nation, the State of Alaska, the Municipality of Anchorage and the Anchorage School District; and

WHEREAS, our community's diversity is reflected in our staff and student population and this diversity lends strength to our district and its mission to educate all students for success in life; and

WHEREAS, we can empower our students and staff to reach their greatest potential by recognizing and celebrating their individual strengths and contributions; and

WHEREAS, providing an environment where students, staff and families can develop mutual respect and understanding is a priority of the Anchorage School Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage School Board recognizes September 1 through September 30, 2008 as "Mayor's Diversity Month" in the Anchorage School District and joins the Municipality of Anchorage and Mayor Begich in encouraging citizens and schools to participate in events and activities that celebrate diversity and build bridges of understanding.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of September, 2008.

Jeff Friedman, President

Pat Higgins
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Carol Comeau, Superintendent