

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #240 (2008-2009)

March 23, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY
SCHOOL PRINCIPALS NCLB TASK FORCE MEMBER, DENISE
GREENE-WILKINSON

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

PERTINENT FACTS:

Denise Greene-Wilkinson, principal of Polaris K-12, has spent her career working on behalf of students to improve graduation rates both districtwide and across our nation.

Representing the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) at a Senate education committee field hearing in November, she told the committee that "more often than not...low graduation rates can be traced back to the large numbers of students entering high school reading below grade level."

Senator Lisa Murkowski, who chaired the meeting, responded to Greene-Wilkinson's comments by saying, "Denise correctly pointed out...that low graduation rates can be traced back to...reading below grade level. That is why I have cosponsored legislation that would authorize and expand the Striving Readers program, which helps schools provide research-based, effective literacy interventions to students in grades 4 through 12."

Greene-Wilkinson also gave the Senate committee her thoughts on efforts to further advance education. "The role of the federal government should be one of partnership with the states and local school districts to improve the overall quality of the nation's schools and to ensure equal opportunity for all students," she added.

This is a request to officially recognize and honor Denise Greene-Wilkinson for her dedication to improve graduation rates across our state and country.

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