

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #271 (2008-2009)

April 13, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF KIM LILAND, ALASKA ASSOCIATIONS
FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATION'S OUTSTANDING
BILINGUAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

ASD Goal: *Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment
by continuing to recognize and honor our highly qualified staff.*

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Alaska Association for Bilingual Education named Kim Liland, an ESL teacher at East High School, as Outstanding Bilingual Educator of the Year for 2009. The award is given each year to one exceptional Alaskan teacher who goes above and beyond what is expected in bilingual education.

"No student is able to hide in her classroom," said East High Principal Michael Graham. "Liland has more energy than all of them combined."

Her students say they not only learn the curriculum, they also learn study skills and goal setting while maintaining a focus on oral language and vocabulary building that is so vital to ESL students.

Liland says of her approach, "My belief is that bilingual students need to have a love for their own culture and an appreciation to learn and know the culture here. Balancing their two worlds is the key to their success in school and in life. My teaching is driven by pride and confidence in both cultures."

This is a request to officially recognize Kim Liland for her extraordinary efforts and enthusiasm in teaching language and culture to our students.

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