

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #299 (2008-2009)

April 27, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF 2009 ALASKA MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR MICHAEL PERKINS

ASD Goal: *Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by honoring and recognizing exceptional staff.*

PERTINENT FACTS:

Mears Middle School Principal Michael Perkins was named the 2009 Alaska Middle School Principal of the Year by the Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals this March.

Perkins was selected based on his demonstration of leadership excellence in the areas of curriculum, instruction, assessment and personalization. As this year's winner, Perkins will now be Alaska's representative in the running for the national Middle School Principal of the Year honors.

Perkins began working in ASD in 1994. He became an assistant principal five years later and took over as head principal at Mears in 2004. He credits an inviting climate, new student transition programs, and a school-wide focus on instruction and decision-making as keys to success at his school.

"Michael is dedicated to providing quality professional development for his staff," said Leslie Vandergaw, ASD's Executive Director of Middle School Education. "He encourages staff participation in study topics ranging from technology integration to block-scheduling. Michael also believes in creating staff and student leadership capacity. He encourages teacher-led curricular discussions and student participation in school-wide decision-making processes."

Perkins is the current president of the Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals and the Alaska Council of School Administrators.

This is a request to officially recognize Principal Michael Perkins for his leadership and dedication to bettering curriculum, instruction and assessment in ASD schools.

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