

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #371 (2008-2009)

June 8, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF AT&T ALASCOM FOR ONLINE STREAMING
OF GRADUATION VIDEOS

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by collaborating with other community agencies to maximize opportunities for lifelong learning.

PERTINENT FACTS:

High school graduation is usually one of the first major accomplishments of a person's life. To honor this achievement, each of our high schools holds a special ceremony to celebrate the end of public education and the beginning of adulthood for our students. The walk down the aisle, the exchange of handshakes and reception of diplomas are events that an increasing number of family and friends want to witness.

Thanks to AT&T Alascom, everyone has an opportunity to watch friends and family participate in the ceremonial activities, regardless of location or work schedule. As one of ASD's school business partners, AT&T Alascom has donated its technology to bring such memorable moments to our U.S. troops stationed overseas and in the Lower 48, workers on the North Slope, and others who were physically unable to attend their student's ceremony.

AT&T Alascom's Dan Toomey recorded each of our eight comprehensive high school's graduation ceremonies. Each was then available live and on-demand via online streaming video for 60 days following graduation dates. This year, space was also added for charter and alternative schools to post their videos for on-demand viewing.

This is a request that the Anchorage School Board officially recognize AT&T Alascom, company president Mike Felix and Dan Toomey for this donation that enables our students' loved ones to witness their graduation ceremonies.

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