

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #40 (2009-2010)

September 14, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF LAURA ANN HULSEBUS AND CHERYL
SILCOX AS 2008 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD WINNERS FOR
EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

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

PERTINENT FACTS:

Laura Ann Hulsebus, a teacher at Alpenglow Elementary School, and Cheryl Silcox, a teacher at Winterberry Charter, were two of 87 educators selected nationwide to receive the 2008 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The PAEMST program, administered by the National Science Foundation on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, recognizes outstanding pre-college-level teachers nationwide for their contribution to the teaching and learning of mathematics and science. The winners are selected by a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, and educators following an initial selection process at the state level. Each year the award alternates between science and math teachers in grades K - 6 and those teaching in grades 7 - 12.

Winners of the Presidential Teaching Award each receive \$10,000 from the National Science Foundation to be used at their discretion. They also receive an expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. in the fall for a White House awards ceremony where they will receive a citation signed by President Obama.

This is a request to recognize the accomplishments of Laura Ann and Cheryl and to present them with the Yak'ei Award for the honor they bring to the district by receiving the national award for 2008. Both women's excellence and passion to instruct and inspire students deserves our greatest respect and gratitude.

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