

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #69 (2009-2010)

October 12, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 19-23, 2009 AS RED
RIBBON WEEK FOR THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ASD GOAL: Education in the highly diverse ASD will be accessible, culturally responsive, supportive of students, and safe.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Drug and alcohol abuse in America cripples our society and prevents many people from reaching their full potential at school, on the job and in their communities. To improve the well being of our district and to protect our students, the Safe and Drug Free Schools program was begun in 1986 to participate in our community's responsibility to prepare socially, emotionally, and academically successful and healthy young people by offering services and resources that promote positive youth development.

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. It serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education, and a personal commitment to live drug-free lives.

In addition, Red Ribbon Week commemorates the ultimate sacrifice made by Drug Enforcement Agency Special Agent Enrique Camarena, who died at the hands of drug dealers in Mexico while fighting the battle against illegal drugs.

This is a request by the administration that the Anchorage School Board adopt the attached resolution designating October 19-23, 2009 as Red Ribbon Week in the Anchorage School District.

CC/HS/RD

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ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD
ASDR 2009-2010-05

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 19-23, 2009 AS RED RIBBON WEEK IN THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Anchorage School District, values the health and safety of all of its students and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage School District Safe and Drug Free Schools Program participates in our community's responsibility to prepare socially, emotionally, and academically successful and healthy young people by offering services and resources that promote positive youth development; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse is particularly damaging to one of our most valuable resources, our children, and is a contributing factor in the three leading causes of death for teenagers - accidents, homicides and suicides; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Anchorage School District to educate employees, students and families and establish an atmosphere that supports awareness, education and on-going initiatives to prevent illegal drug use; and

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Campaign promotes family and individual responsibility for living healthy, drug-free lifestyles, without illegal drugs or the illegal use of legal drugs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage School Board hereby proclaims October 19-23, 2009 as Red Ribbon Week in the Anchorage School District, and urges all students, employees and families to protect our community from the dangers of alcohol and other drugs.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage School Board this 12th day of October, 2009.

John Steiner, President

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Carol Comeau, Superintendent