

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #164 (2009-2010)

January 11, 2010

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF MT. ILIAMNA'S SUPPORT OF MILITARY
EMPLOYEE

ASD Goal: *ASD staff will be well-trained, highly effective, well-informed and committed to the success of all students and staff.*

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Anchorage School District employs more than 5,500 permanent employees. These employees work hard and are dedicated to providing high-quality education to our students. Many district employees are also active members of the United States military. At times, military training schedules will conflict with school schedules and special arrangements within ASD must be made.

Mt. Iliamna Teacher Deanna Blazejewski, a Lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, said Principal Sue Schade is successful at keeping the needs in mind of Mt. Iliamna students as well as the Coast Guard. For her efforts, Ms. Schade was recently honored as a Patriotic Employer by Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, an agency of the U.S. Department of Defense.

In her nomination of Ms. Schade for the award, Ms. Blazejewski said the guard often requires her to attend trainings and perform readiness drills during school hours and noted that Ms. Schade and staff at the school understand and accommodate her schedule. Ms. Blazejewski's knowledge of the Incident Command System structure to support the emergency preparedness needs of the school and district is appreciated and utilized as necessary. Ms. Blazejewski also noted that the district maintains her salary while she serves in the Coast Guard.

This is a request to formally recognize Ms. Schade for her commitment to ASD staff members who are also serving our country in the military.

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