

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #193 (2009-2010)

January 25, 2010

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF JENNIFER CHILDRESS – SIEMENS AP
ALASKA TEACHER AWARD WINNER

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

PERTINENT FACTS:

Each year the Siemens Foundation and the College Board recognize teachers and high schools across the nation for achievement in Advanced Placement programs in math, science and technology. Top-performing schools, based on the College Board's *AP Report to the Nation*, are invited to nominate teachers for the Siemens AP Teacher Award. In addition to a national winner, one teacher per state is selected and a \$1,000 grant is awarded to the teacher's high school to be used for math, science and technology programs.

Dimond High School Teacher, Jennifer Childress was the 2008-09 AP Teacher Award winner for Alaska. She was invited to apply based on her AP physics students' scores on the AP exam in the school year 07/08. That year, her students' average score was 4.118 out of a top score of 5 with 94 percent of her students earning a passing 3 or better on the exam. Last year, her students earned an average score of 3.923 with 85 percent earning a 4 score, or higher, on the test. All students taking the test earned at least a score of 3 on the exam.

It is the Administration's recommendation that the school board recognize Ms. Childress for excellence in AP teaching, as demonstrated by being named Alaska's 2008-09 Siemens AP Teacher Award winner.

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