

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #47 (98-99)

August 24, 1998

TO: SCHOOL BOARD
FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
SUBJECT: PERFECT SAT SPANISH SCORE - MEGAN CARY

PERTINENT FACTS:

Megan Cary, a 1998 graduate of East High School, earned a perfect score on the Spanish SAT and will leave this month for Georgetown University where she has enrolled in Languages and Linguistics, with plans to major in Spanish and International Politics.

As a supplement to her Georgetown application, Megan recorded a cassette tape in Spanish about her experiences in the District's Spanish immersion program. She also submitted an essay describing the day she got a letter in the mail saying that she was accepted into the Baxter Spanish immersion program and how this changed the course of her life. Megan began her study of Spanish in 1988 at Baxter in third grade and continued in the program through middle school and again in tenth grade.

Megan was selected in 1996 to spend her junior year in Barcelona, Spain with the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Megan credits her selection over 32 other students to the District's immersion program. While in Spain Megan was frequently mistaken for a native Spanish speaker. She attended a bilingual high school and learned to understand and converse in both Catalan and Spanish.

It is requested that the School Board recognize Megan Cary for her perfect Spanish SAT score and for her accomplishments in the Spanish language immersion program.

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