

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #194 (98-99) January 25, 1999

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL SCHOOL
NURSES' DAY JANUARY 27, 1999

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board adopt the attached resolution designating January 27, 1999 as National School Nurses' Day.

PERTINENT FACTS:

January 27, 1999, is National School Nurses Day. As such, it is the ideal time to honor the team of professional nurses who are an essential part of the Anchorage school system.

The typical nurse's office seems to have a student sitting on every available chair. Some of the complaints may be minor and others require expert assessment, planning, intervention and evaluation. Many students in our schools require special treatments and medications. There is never a dull moment in the day of the School Nurse who deals with expressions of pain, looks of concern and a tear or two. It's a job like no other, filled with complex health care plans, assessment of communicable diseases, injuries and health counseling.

Their services go way beyond soothing tummy aches and bandaging skinned knees. They provide health screenings and supplement the essential education programs, in addition to giving competent, compassionate care to our students.

In recent months their services have been thrust into the spotlight when Anchorage was besieged with a measles outbreak. Thanks to their dedication

and professionalism, a widespread immunization program was administered, the outbreak contained, and students could safely attend class without risk of infection.

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Attachment

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