

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #216 (98-99) February 25, 1999

TO: SCHOOL BOARD  
FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
SUBJECT: ANCHORAGE SYMPHONY DONATION

PERTINENT FACTS:

Each year hundreds of Anchorage School District elementary students wish to participate in beginning music programs, but can't afford to purchase instruments. Without intervention these students, approximately 850 Districtwide, are unable to reap the enjoyment, discipline and artistic expression that naturally occur in music education.

Although the District owns hundreds of instruments, which are loaned to students who demonstrate financial need, supplemental donations are both welcome and necessary.

Since 1994 the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra has graciously donated a portion of the proceeds from their "Movin' to the Music" fun run to purchase instruments for use in the District's sixth grade band and orchestra program. These gifts ensure the rich rewards of music can be experienced by musically inclined students, regardless of financial limitations. This year's proceeds resulted in the purchase of seven shiny new instruments including 3 flutes, 2 clarinets and 2 trumpets. The Anchorage Symphony's on-going, tangible support of the District's elementary music education program continues to help deserving Anchorage students begin their musical journey on the right note.

It is recommended that the School Board recognize the Anchorage Symphony for their generous donation which will help even the playing field for beginning music students.

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