

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #6 (1999-2000) August 9, 1999

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP RECOGNITION

PERTINENT FACTS:

The STAR AWARD was initiated in 1996 to formally recognize, on an annual basis, an outstanding business partner in the Anchorage School District. The STAR AWARD recipients are nominated by Principals of schools, and nominations are judged by the School Business Partnership Steering Committee. To be nominated for the STAR AWARD, a Partnership must have been established, with a written agreement, for at least three years. Other criteria that the nominees must meet are the following:

- Enthusiastic support of School Business Partnerships and the school(s) with which the nominee is partnered.
- Commitment to educational enhancement of the ongoing instructional program.
- Excellence in the quality of the partnership.
- Dedication to the continuation and the success of the Partnership program in their school.
- Participation on a regular, dependable scheduled basis.
- Willingness to be flexible and find ways in which to provide necessary support to assure success of the Partnership program in their school.

For the first time since the Star Awards program was initiated, two Partnerships were recognized for their outstanding achievements and contributions. These School Business Partnerships received the STAR AWARD at the annual recognition program held at Wendler Middle School on Wednesday, June 9, 1999.

Northrim Bank was nominated by Fairview and Huffman Elementary Schools. The principals, Eunice Long and Jim Kurka, stated that Northrim Bank is " a champion in support of the students and the community. They are the top partner in the whole state.

They come into our schools with a smile and say 'what can we do for you?' They are very supportive, they drive the process, they give suggestions, but they are not overpowering. Northrim sends employees to help run things, go on field trips, mentor kids and help with special events. When needed, they come on a daily basis to work with the students and staff. They are involved in recognition programs for both students and staff members. Northrim Bank employees and their families attend special events held at our schools in support of the programs and the students. Northrim Bank volunteers are always in attendance, cheering and supporting our students, staff and community. We feel that they help us soar and are the wind beneath our wings. Their involvement and commitment to our schools have made a profound difference for all of our students."

Jewel Lake Tastee Freez was nominated by principals Gene Janigo from Gladys Wood and Patricia McRae from Sand Lake Elementary Schools. Rich Owens is here to accept this honor tonight. These principals describe Rich Owens as an "owner and volunteer extraordinaire, a bright star in the enhancement of programs going on at our schools. " In their words, "Our students and staff truly appreciate all that is done and the commitment that Tastee Freez has shown to our schools in assisting us to meet our goals. Tastee Freez is involved in a business program with classes that centers around the community service project of the "Four Corners." This program involves the students and encourages them to support and be part of improvement in their community. Tastee Freez provides generous support by offering "special school days." During certain times, teachers work at Tastee Freez and a percentage of the profit made goes to school projects. Tastee Freez also shows their support for special events held at school by attending and providing desserts for all who come to the events. They provide incentives for student academic achievements, making sure that students are being recognized for their efforts. Mr. Owens is always looking for ways to be positively involved with the development of our students. He meets early in the school year with us and asks the question: "How can I help you meet your school goals for the year?" Thank you Mr. Owens and Tastee Freez.

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