

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #63 (1999-2000) September 13, 1999

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: 1998 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN
MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching was created to identify and reward the nation's premiere science and mathematics teachers. These prestigious award winners are selected using a variety of criteria including subject-matter competence, sustained professional growth, the ability to generate student excitement about the uses of science and mathematics, and the educator's personal innovation, leadership and involvement. In short, this award honors some of our nation's finest educators.

The Anchorage School District is proud to recognize 1998 Presidential Award winners Gail Coray and Patricia Gallego. Coray was honored for her work as a science teacher at Central Middle School of Science and Gallego was selected for her contributions as one of the District's math teacher experts.

This summer Coray and Gallego received an expense-paid trip to the nation's capital where they were honored with a Presidential Citation. In addition to meeting with leaders in government and education, they were also awarded \$7,500 National Science Grants for the improvement of math and science programs at their schools.

This award honors the kind of educator any district would be proud to have on staff and any student would be fortunate to have in the classroom. It is requested the School Board recognize Gail Coray and Patricia Gallego for earning the nation's highest honor for elementary and secondary teachers, the 1998 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

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