

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #238 (1999-2000)

March 13, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD
FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
SUBJECT: MATHCOUNTS REGIONAL WINNERS

PERTINENT FACTS:

MATHCOUNTS is a math coaching and competition program designed to promote interest in mathematics for seventh and eighth-grade students. This national competition attracts nearly 7,000 schools each year by structuring the event to be as exciting and challenging as a sporting event.

Beginning each fall and continuing throughout the year, teachers and volunteers coach student "mathletes" to improve their problem-solving skills. Then, after months of intense brain-power training, participating schools select four students to compete, both individually and as a team, in written and oral competitions.

In the recent Anchorage chapter competition, which includes homeschoolers as well as students from the Mat-Su Valley to Homer, the MATHCOUNTS team from Central Middle School of Science took first place honors. All four members of Central's team placed individually in the top ten. Their performance entitles team members Dana Bailey, Nick Sandar, Zack Kemplen, and Chris Ragland to represent the chapter in the state competition.

Recognition also belongs to coaches Tina Keller and Karen McGrew, who spent countless hours after school working with the students. It's clear that four talented students, plus two dedicated teachers, equals one winning team!

It is requested the School Board recognize these calculating MATHCOUNTS competitors for earning a spot in the state competition.

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