

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #251 (1999-2000)

April 10, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: STUDENT PRESENTATION AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
HIV/AIDS PREVENTION

PERTINENT FACTS:

Approximately thirty Dimond High School students are active in a club with a clear goal: to Reduce AIDS Risk Effectively in Teens. It is better known as RARE - T. Throughout this year, club members have made presentations to 1000 students at Dimond High School, eighth-graders at Mears Middle School, as well as members of the Anchorage community.

The club's president and vice president, respectively, are Erin Johnson and Kristin Coward. Earlier this year, these concerned and socially- aware seniors submitted a presentation proposal for the Ryan White National Youth Conference on HIV and AIDS. The conference organizers were impressed enough to award Erin and Kristin scholarships to speak at the St. Louis conference.

In a day where youth are at increased risk for this disease, these students are helping to make a difference in the lives of their peers through the RARE- T program.

It is requested the School Board recognize Erin Johnson and Kristin Coward whose compassion and concern for Anchorage teens led to their participation at this national conference.

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