

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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TO: SCHOOL BOARD
FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
SUBJECT: KTUU MENTOR - HEATHER SEACRIST

PERTINENT FACTS:

For the past two years Heather Seacrist, anchorperson with KTUU's news department, has served as mentor to gifted high school students in the field of news broadcasting. Heather is one of almost 100 mentors who invest their time and experience to enrich the lives of Anchorage students. While all mentors are appreciated, some stand out for their phenomenal contributions. Heather is in this category.

Heather enthusiastically and professionally mentors eight students. She devotes 45 hours of training to help the students produce news stories and prepare to appear on live broadcasts with John Tracy and Maria Downey on the Wednesday evening news. The students work in pairs, each pair responsible for a news spot once a month throughout the school year.

The student broadcasts, titled "From Our Perspective," were initiated by Jim Utter of the School Business Partnership and Al Bransted, Jr. of KTUU. The students and the Gifted Program benefit from the strong support of KTUU's entire management and staff.

It is requested the School Board recognize Heather Seacrist and KTUU for their generosity in sharing their time, talents, gifts and technology with Anchorage School District students and the community.

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