

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #395 (1999-2000)  
2000

June 26,

TO: SCHOOL BOARD  
FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
SUBJECT: CIRI CORPORATION BOOK DONATION

PERTINENT FACTS:

Even with the growing dependence on computers, books remain an invaluable component in education. Our school libraries still rely on the written word in its traditional form to entertain, inform and enlighten students. So anytime the district receives a donation of quality books, it is accepted with sincere appreciation.

The book "Growing Up Native in Alaska" contains a collection of interviews with 27 Alaska Natives who share their perspectives on what Native cultures and traditions mean to them today. Cook Inlet Region Incorporated felt this literary selection would be an insightful and educational resource for Anchorage School District students, so they donated 48 copies to District high schools and middle schools.

According to CIRI president Carl Marrs, this book, 20 years in the making, has much to offer young people. He states, "This work is a way to bring the voices of younger Alaska Natives and all their perspectives to the forefront. We need to ensure these voices are heard, as well as learn from them."

It is requested that the School Board recognize CIRI for their generous donation.

BC/LW/CW

Prepared by: Cindy Wilsbach, Communications Specialist  
Approved by: Larry Wiget, Executive Director, Public Affairs