

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #242 (2000-2001)

March 12, 2001

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF CONSUL-GENERAL YOSHINORI TSUJIMOTO
OF JAPAN

PERTINENT FACTS:

For the past three years Consul-General Yoshinori Tsujimoto has actively promoted his vision to unite the Japanese and American cultures. He has inspired Anchorage School District students to continue their study of the Japanese language and culture and to become the future ambassadors to Japan.

Some of his noteworthy contributions include celebrating the partnership of the Japanese Saturday School and Japanese Immersion Program. As a result, students are meeting new friends and exchanging correspondence in Japanese. Through his efforts, many students are aspiring Taiko drummers. Sand Lake Elementary students and parents are learning Taiko through community school classes and performing for school and community events.

Mr. Tsujimoto frequently attends student performances and award ceremonies and invites students to attend the Japanese Consulate's events. His most recent project is the inclusion of students in the Japan America Society of Alaska.

Because of his influence and participation with the Anchorage School District many students have a deeper understanding of the Japanese culture and people. Mr. Tsujimoto's legacy in Anchorage will be felt not only in the programs he has helped launch, but in the hearts of the students in our District.

It is requested the School Board recognize Consul-General Tsujimoto for helping to unite Japanese and American cultures in Anchorage.

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