

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #58 (2001-2002)

September 24, 2001

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ALASKA JUNIOR
THEATER'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and adopt the attached resolution in support of the Alaska Junior Theater's 20th Anniversary season.

PERTINENT FACTS:

For the past 20 years, Alaska Junior Theater has presented top-notch performances to Alaska's young audiences. The core part of AJT's program is to present school-time field trip performances for students and teachers in southcentral Alaska. AJT specifically reaches out to Title I (low-income) schools, to ensure that low-income children have access to the best of the performing arts.

The Anchorage School District works closely with AJT to ensure the maximum participation of our teachers and students. The District keeps teachers informed about opportunities to attend the performances through District-wide e-mails, meetings with department heads, and the distribution of printed registration packets. The District also produces and distributes study guides that enable teachers to develop curricula around the themes of the performances; and prints and distributes flyers to students informing families of AJT's public performances. Our transportation department helps secure adequate buses to allow classes to attend the performances.

Alaska Junior Theater's offerings are considered a true supplement and enhancement to our reading, language arts, social studies, sciences, and fine arts curriculum for elementary, middle and high school teachers. The plays inspire our students and teachers, and hopefully, will encourage them to participate in other arts activities with their families and friends.

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Attachment

Prepared and Approved by: Carol Comeau, Superintendent