

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #221 (2001-2002)

March 11, 2002

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ASD LIFESAVER: ROBIN ROBINSON

PERTINENT FACTS:

In October of this school year, Williwaw Elementary School, Noon-Duty TA, Ms. Robin Robinson, observed a student choking in the lunchroom and grasping the throat giving the universal sign for choking. The student was unable to breathe and was turning blue. Ms. Robinson saw the student choking and, using first-aid skills she learned during a recent Red Cross Course, performed the Heimlich Maneuver. Ms. Robinson's quick action and life saving expertise dislodged the obstruction in the student's airway and restored normal breathing. Her response to this situation and ability in performing the Heimlich Maneuver may have saved the student's life.

A potential tragedy was averted by the quick and appropriate response of an Anchorage School District Employee. Ms. Robinson sets an example for students and employees alike and we are proud to have employees like Robin Robinson in our District.

It is requested that the School Board recognize Ms. Robin Robinson for her quick response to this emergency situation.

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