

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #281 (2001-2002)

May 13, 2002

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: 2002 ALASKA ART EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

PERTINENT FACTS:

Earlier this year West High School art teacher Rebecca Voris was named the 2002 Alaska Art Educator of the Year by the Alaska Art Education Association membership.

Ms. Voris has served on the Anchorage School District Art Curriculum Committee for 22 years. During that time she has guided the District in the selection of curriculum, textbooks and standards. She has been an active member of the Alaska Art Association for over 20 years, serving as President, Secretary and Art Conference Chairperson. Additionally, she has been accepted into the National Art Education Association's Electronic Gallery each of the 11 years it has been in existence. This gallery is a nationally juried art show presented during the annual National Art Education Association conference.

Although Ms. Voris has many accomplishments under her belt, including art works in the permanent collection of the Anchorage Museum of History and Art, it's her work in the classroom where she really shines. She teaches pottery, sculpture and Advanced Placement Art and guides her students with expertise and professionalism. Each year her students receive awards and recognition for their art works, including the prestigious regional and national Scholastic Arts & Writing competition. Ms. Voris has been characterized by peers as a fine example of what an excellent art teacher is all about. She has been praised for sharing her knowledge and expertise with her students and for enthusiastically exhibiting a high level of commitment to art education. Myrna Clark, art department supervisor, says Ms. Voris is a shining star and mainstay in the District's art program.

It is requested the School Board recognize Rebecca Voris for her well-deserved selection as the 2002 Alaska Art Educator of the Year.

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