

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #347 (2001-2002)

June 10, 2002

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ASD LIFE SAVER – CESAR SOBREPENA

PERTINENT FACTS:

In May of this school year, Sand Lake Elementary School, BPO Cesar Sobrepena observed a student choking in the lunchroom. Mr. Sobrepena assessed the situation and saw that the student was turning blue from lack of oxygen. He quickly approached the choking student and, using first-aid skills he learned during a recent Red Cross Course, performed the Heimlich maneuver. Mr. Sobrepena's quick action and life saving expertise dislodged the obstruction in the student's airway and restored normal breathing. His 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. Mr. Sobrepena sets an example for students and employees alike and we are proud to have employees like Cesar Sobrepena in our District.

It is requested that the School Board recognize Mr. Cesar Sobrepena for his quick response to this emergency situation.

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