

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #96 (2002-2003)

October 14, 2002

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: NOMINATION FOR AASB OUTSTANDING SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBER AWARD

RECOMMENDATION:

The Anchorage School Board recommends that School Board member, Debbie Ossiander, be nominated for the Association of Alaska School Board's Outstanding School Board Member Award.

PERTINENT FACTS:

AASB was formed in 1954, their mission is to assist school boards in providing quality public education and preserving local control. The Association serves as a source of assistance, information, and liaison for school boards and the districts they represent. AASB provides a statewide perspective on issues of educational concern.

The Outstanding Board Member Award is designed to reflect the nominee's commitment to Board standards, which include vision, structure, accountability, advocacy, and conduct and ethics. The criteria established consists of the level of AASB/UAS Boardmanship Academy attained; demonstrated evidence and leadership as measured against Board standards; participation in state activities; and participation in National School Boards' Association activities and meetings.

Debbie Ossiander began her service in December 1992 when she was appointed to the School Board; she was elected to her first full term in April 1993. She was the Board President three times, and served as a member of all Board committees in ex officio capacity. She has also held the offices of Board President Vice President and Clerk. While not serving as President of the School Board, Ms. Ossiander chaired the Policy and Legislative Subcommittees, and co-chaired the Joint School Board/Assembly Consolidation Study Committee. Ms. Ossiander holds Seat G, and her current term expires in April 2003.

In addition to her local School Board activities, Ms. Ossiander has also served as a member of the AASB Board of Directors since the summer of 2000, and is currently their President-elect; she will become AASB President in November of this year. AASB activities include serving as a presenter on Board/Superintendent Relations; Effective Lobbying; Labor Relations; and the Chair of the Budget Committee. She has been a member of the AASB Resolutions Committee for many years, and is currently the Chair of this important committee. She also received AASB training in Interest Based Bargaining, and serves on the Statewide School Designator Committee. She also was asked to serve on the EED's Teacher Performance Standards Committee.

Ms. Ossiander is also active in the community and has served as the President of the Chugiak/Eagle River Chamber of Commerce, and is currently the Secretary.

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