

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #140 (2002-2003)

December 9, 2002

TO: SCHOOL BOARD
FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
SUBJECT: MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD RECIPIENT

PERTINENT FACTS:

In late October, Susan Okeson, Wonder Park Elementary School's principal, was awarded a 2002 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

This award, sponsored by the Milken Family Foundation, in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, strives to elevate the education profession by increasing public recognition and support of outstanding educators. Along with this prestigious honor, Ms. Okeson received a financial award of \$25,000.

Ms. Okeson has been principal of Wonder Park Elementary for the past five years. In addition to her daily role as principal, she is on the District's School Business Partnerships Board and the Mobility Task Force. She is also a member of the International Reading Association, the National Association of Female Executives and the National Elementary Principals Association. Ms. Okeson is strongly committed to professional development for her staff as well as herself, and believes this has been the secret to their success.

It is requested that the School Board recognize Susan Okeson for earning a 2002 Outstanding Milken Educator Award. She is a credit to her profession, this community and the Anchorage School District.

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