

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #149 (2003-2004)

January 12, 2004

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION STAFF'S LIFE SAVING EFFORTS

PERTINENT FACTS:

On Thursday, December 4, bus attendant, Kathie Muir, revived a 4-year old girl who appeared to have stopped breathing on the way to Bowman Elementary School.

Muir, who is employed by First Student and works as an attendant on a special education bus, typically sings songs and plays with each child as she straps them in. Muir thought however, that the young girl wasn't quite herself so she kept a careful watch on her. A short time later Muir observed that the 4-year old had stopped breathing and immediately began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on her.

Bus driver Hank Phillips also became involved and contacted bus dispatchers and requested that a school nurse be prepared to meet them upon their arrival at the school. Bus dispatcher Ron Coan called 911 and followed notification procedures, and Phillips pulled the bus off the road to a safe location until the student began breathing again. She was then transferred to Providence Alaska Medical Center by paramedics for observation.

Bus drivers and attendants are trained in CPR and first aid, and those working with special needs students are given additional training on how to handle medical and disability issues that arise.

It is requested that the School Board recognize Kathie Muir and Hank Phillips for their life savings efforts.

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