

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #59 (2004-2005)

October 25, 2004

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: 2004 H.U.G.S.S. AND COATS FOR KIDS

PERTINENT FACTS:

For the past four years, Catholic Social Services, the Salvation Army and Lutheran Social Services have partnered with numerous agencies and businesses, including the Mountain View Boys & Girls Club and the Anchorage School District, to help children start the school year with proper supplies and coats through H.U.G.S.S. (Helping Us Give School Supplies) and Coats for Kids project.

During the summer, community members and businesses are asked to donate school supplies and gently used coats or to make cash donations to assist this very worthwhile cause. When an individual fulfills a need from the H.U.G.S.S. and Coats for Kids wish list, they ensure that a child in the local community will have adequate supplies to start school.

This year, the week before the first day of school, more than 4,700 students received supplies, backpacks and winter clothing through the program, and approximately 15,000 students have been assisted during the past four years.

It is requested that the School Board recognize Catholic Social Services, the Salvation Army, Lutheran Social Services and the Mountain View Boys and Girls Club for their continued dedication and efforts put forth to make this a truly successful project for all involved.

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