

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #195 (2004-2005)

February 7, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: WORDMASTERS CHALLENGE AWARD WINNER

PERTINENT FACTS:

The WordMasters Challenge is a national language arts competition entered by over 225,000 students annually. It is an exercise in critical thinking which first encourages students to become familiar with a set of interesting new words, and then challenges them to use those words to complete analogies expressing various kinds of logical relationships. Working to solve the Challenge analogies helps students learn to think both analytically and metaphorically.

Scott Green, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Mears Middle School, recently competed in the difficult Blue Division of the WordMasters Challenge, and earned a perfect score. Green was one of only nine eighth grade students in the entire country to earn perfect scores. He was coached in preparation for the Challenge by Mears language arts teacher Stacy Stimson.

It is requested that the School Board recognize Scott Green for his award winning performance and Ms. Stimson for her commitment to helping Scott obtain this outstanding achievement.

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