

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #285 (2004-2005)

May 9, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: NORTHWEST DISTRICT DANCE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, caring, barrier-free schools; promoting health and wellness; and continuing to retain, recruit and train highly qualified staff.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Melissa Carey, a dance instructor at Bartlett High School, was recently named Dance Educator of the Year by the Northwest District of the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Ms. Carey sets high expectations and standards for her students with the knowledge that they can be met in a creative and enjoyable environment. Her students are taught to acknowledge their strengths and weaknesses and are encouraged to work with others in achieving their own personal improvement goals. Ms. Carey believes that students need to be given the opportunity to perform, and in doing so, they build character, self-esteem and confidence. She also makes it a point to connect with each student to establish a strong teacher-student bond.

In the seven years that Ms. Carey has taught at Bartlett, the dance program has grown from one dance class of 25-30 students to two beginning dance classes of 35-40 students and a smaller but more comprehensive advance class.

It is requested that the School Board recognize Melissa Carey for her professionalism, dedication and enthusiasm that led to this award.

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