

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #286 (2004-2005)

May 9, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: 2005 ALASKA SCHOOL NURSE 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:

School nurses play a critical role at schools throughout the District and have a substantial impact on the lives of the students. They contribute to improving the health of students and demonstrate excellence in school nursing practices and leadership in school health.

Recently Goldenview Middle School nurse, Gail White, R.N., M.Ed., was named the 2005 Alaska School Nurse of the Year by the Alaska School Nurses Association. Ms. White has been with the Anchorage School District for 15 years, the last eight at Goldenview. She has a master's degree in education with a specialization in school nursing and has national certification. She is also a former president of the Alaska School Nurse Association.

White has a special interest in the care of students with severe allergies. Each year, she trains her fellow Goldenview staff to recognize the signs and symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction and shows them how to administer an auto-injector. She has also written an in-service training guide titled *Training Program for School Staff in the Identification and Management of an Anaphylactic Reaction* that is available to all school nurses for use in their schools.

It is requested that the School Board recognize this award winning professional who has demonstrated excellence in her role as school nurse.

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