

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #289 (2004-2005)

May 23, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR MATH & SCIENCE

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by continuing to retain, recruit and train highly qualified staff, and challenging each student academically.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Jody Solmonson of Bear Valley Elementary School and Patricia Underwood of Inlet View Elementary School are among 95 outstanding teachers recently honored for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the nation's highest honor for teaching in these fields.

Awardees received a \$10,000 gift from the National Science Foundation, the independent federal agency that administers the awards program, and an all expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC in mid-April for a week of celebratory events and professional development activities.

The program recognizes teachers for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession. In addition to honoring individual achievement, the goal of the awards is to expand and exemplify the definition of excellent science and mathematic teaching. Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspirations to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of math and science education.

It is requested the School Board recognize honorees JoEllen and Patricia for their professionalism, dedication, and enthusiasm that led to this award.

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