

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #331 (2004-2005)

June 13, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: NEA-SATURN/UAW PARTNERSHIP AWARD

*ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by collaborating with other community agencies to maximize opportunities and by continuing to retain, recruit and train highly qualified staff.*

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Anchorage School District and Anchorage Education Association (AEA) have been working together collaboratively for many years engaging new and veteran educators in mentoring partnerships, induction programs and professional development that benefits the beginning educator as well as the teacher leader.

During the 1996-1997 school year, the district's Training and Professional Development (TPD) Department and AEA staff members worked in partnership to design a mentor program for district educators. Since the inception of the program, an ASD/AEA joint committee has met regularly to refine and revise the training, application process and protocols of the program.

The Mentor Program is not limited to first year teachers; any district educator can request a mentor. The committee has collected data and found that many second year educators as well as those new to grade level or content area, find the services of the mentoring program beneficial.

Recently, the district received notification that it was one of six recipients of the National Education Association, Saturn and the United Auto Workers Partnership Award for Teacher Mentoring Programs. The award honors partnerships between unions and administration that can result in outstanding teacher mentoring programs.

Later this month an ASD representative and AEA representative will travel to Los Angeles, California, to attend an awards ceremony hosted by NEA.

It is requested that the School Board recognize the following district and AEA staff members for the hard work and dedication that earned them the NEA-Saturn/UAW Partnership Award.

TPD/Induction team:

Kay Bennett, Professional Development Coordinator  
Robb Boyer, Director of Staff Development  
Gwen Lefebvre, Elementary Mentor/Induction Liaison  
Ann Bryson, Elementary Mentor/Induction Liaison  
Nancy Boxler, Middle/High Mentor/Induction Liaison

AEA Educational Excellence Joint Program members:

Jeannette Dean  
Erin Donohue  
Sandi Jones  
Karen Iris  
Vicki McCubbin  
Angie Pendleton  
Joann Pfisterer  
Cindy Trawicki  
Jody Viscardi  
Kathy Wright

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