

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #325 (2010-2011)

April 18, 2011

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION: THE COREY TINDALL
MEMORIAL SPEECH & DEBATE FUND, INC.

ASD Goal: ASD will partner with parents and the community for greater educational success for our students.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept a donation in the amount of \$25,000 from the Corey Tindall Memorial Speech & Debate Fund, Inc. Created in loving commemoration of South Anchorage High School student Corey Tindall, the fund supports tournament travel and scholarships for the South Anchorage High School Drama, Debate, and Forensics program.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Corey Tindall was a junior at South Anchorage High School and was an exceptional student, debate champion, and friend. She carried a straight A grade point average and was especially recognized in the South High community for her intellect, warmth, wit, and lively sense of humor. Her career goal was medicine; she planned to take her skills to developing nations where medical care is most needed.

This remarkable young woman was one of the most accomplished debaters in South High School history. She was voted 2009-2010 Most Valuable Player and was elected team Interpretation Captain for the 2010-2011 season. Among her accomplishments in only two years of high school debate were achieving fifth in overall "wins" for individual speech and acting events, first place in Public Forum Debate at the 2009-2010 Homer High School tournament, and first place overall in British Parliamentary Debate at the 2010 University of Alaska Anchorage Northern Lights Tournament. Most importantly, Corey's generosity of spirit, legendary creativity, and high sense of fun both energized and inspired

her team-mates. She has been referred to as the heart and soul of the South High speech and debate team.

The Corey Tindall Memorial Speech & Debate Fund, Inc. honors Corey's life, her extraordinary gifts to friends and family, and her contributions to debate. A portion of the fund is designated to support team travel to tournaments and competitions. The fund also will support annual scholarships for South High MVP debaters. The donation for FY 2010-2011 is \$25,000, with an additional \$25,000 projected for FY 2011-2012. Additional funds may be available in subsequent years. The Anchorage School District will be responsible for executing a Memorandum of Agreement for distribution of the funds.

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