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What you say is heard!!!

It seems in today's world we need to be more aware of when and where our conversations concerning our students occur. It seems more people discuss private or confidential matters openly in public, especially using a cell phone. However, we need to keep information about students private. Would you appreciate a teacher or teachers discussing your child's school performance in the line at the store, post office, or airport? You just never know who may be listening and who the listening person may know. Could they know the parents of the students you are naming or even the parents you may have mentioned? Have you heard such conversations?

Discussing publicly information you know about students, parents or colleagues can be considered a violation of the CODE OF ETHICS AND TEACHING STANDARDS, authorized by AS 14.20.480. In relation to students, 20 AAC 10.020 specifically states an educator "shall keep in confidence information that has been obtained in the course of providing professional service..."

With each issue of the **FEAdback**, I attempt to offer quotes made by others with regard to the teaching profession. We must be vigilant in guarding the respect offered by others, remembering the trust placed with us as we inspire our students. These students, some of whom will join our profession, must learn from us the importance of confidentiality and trust.

As we move forward through this school year, be cognizant of your conversations, if you have supplied parents with your cell number and they call you while shopping at the store, tell them you will return their call or find a private place to hold your discussion. When you see a colleague away from your school or your office, enjoy your conversation without mentioning specific students in a descriptive manner.

Remember, those in your classes today, will assist you in life tomorrow!!

GOTV - Get Out The Vote - Tuesday, October 6.

This local election is for the Borough Mayor, Assembly members, and School Board members. Our PACE team recommends **LUKE HOPKINS** for Borough Mayor. He will need many votes to avoid a run-off, since to win the election a candidate must receive, of the votes cast, 40% plus one.

For Assembly Seat A, **NO RECOMMENDATION** is made. For Assembly Seat F, **NADINE WINTERS** is recommended. **MIKE MUSICK** is recommended for Assembly Seat G.

For the School Board seats; **SILVER CHORD** is recommended for Seat A, **WENDY DOMINQUE** is recommended for Seat B, and **SHARON McCONNELL** is recommended for Seat G.

The PACE recommends you vote **YES** on the School Bond Proposition A.

Your vote does count!!!!

NEA-Alaska Cancels Contract with Anchorage Hilton

The NEA-Alaska Board of Directors voted during a recent meeting to cancel the contract held with the Anchorage Hilton for the next two years. This cancellation is in support of the continuing labor strife experienced by the employees at the Anchorage Hilton.

Information to begin the 2009-2010 School Year

Your paycheck arriving on Friday, October 2 will show the first dues deduction. You are reminded to read your pay advisory for accuracy. An important topic at the beginning of the school year is evaluations. Has your evaluator discussed the changes in your evaluation instrument?

THANK YOU FOR BEING A TEACHER!!!