

Anchorage Native Caucus solicits teachers input

Sixteen Alaska Natives applied for teaching positions within the Anchorage School District this year. Six applicants were hired. The remaining ten were rejected because of a "preferential hire" clause included in all teachers' agreements.

The "preferential hire" clause allows teachers who have previously worked for the District to be hired before teachers who have taught throughout the State.

The Anchorage Native Caucus feels that the "preferential hire" clause may be in violation of State and federal EEO requirements and may cause hardships for many new teachers both Native and non-Native, trying to secure positions within the Anchorage School District.

The ANC therefore asks all certified teachers who have been rejected by the Anchorage School District because of "preferential hire" to send information regarding their experiences with the Anchorage School District Personnel Department to the Anchorage Native Caucus, P.O. Box 3534, Downtown Station, Anchorage, AK 99510. The ANC also requests permission to keep the information received for future use.