

Golden Apple Award
Stephanie Carroll, ACS
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Even though KPBSD is only one of many accounts Stephanie Carroll serves as an account representative for Alaska Communications Systems, she has always treated the district with the highest priority.

Stephanie has worked closely with the district on a variety of projects over the last 10 years. Projects that started as dreams materialized into reality because of her understanding of student and district needs, including T1 access to Voznesenka, Arctic Winter Games communications and donations afterward, and expanded Internet performance capabilities.

According to former KPBSD Superintendent Dr. Donna Peterson, "She continues to find ways to improve the quality of life on the peninsula by going above and beyond in serving the needs of ACS clients."

KPBSD deals with five telephone companies, and ACS provides the majority of the data circuits the district uses. It may seem out of the ordinary to show such public appreciation for the work a vendor does, since selling available service to customers is a vendor's job.

But according to Information Services Director Jim White, "In Stephanie's case, we feel such recognition is well-deserved. Stephanie has been an advocate for KPBSD within ACS, and in our opinion, been instrumental in delivery of data communications services crucial to the district's operations."

Of particular note has been the Homer Electric Association fiber-optic project, where HEA granted the district access on its fiber-optic network 10 years ago as a public service, and the district entered into a 10-year contract with ACS to extend the network into 16 school sites. That contract is set to expire Dec. 31, 2009, and a new 10-year contract has been executed with HEA and ACS that gives the district significantly increased bandwidth at significantly decreased cost.

"A substantial amount of credit goes to Stephanie Carroll for her efforts within ACS advocating for our students, and we would like to publicly thank her for her efforts," White said. "She is personable, knowledgeable and accurate in dispatching information. And she is fun to work with," White said.

We, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education, are pleased to recognize Stephanie Carroll for being an efficient, effective conduit to technology on behalf of the district and its students.