

## **Mark Leal**

### **Golden Apple Award Recipient**

Mark Leal was an outstanding administrator for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District for seven years prior to his moving on to coordinate assessment for the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development.

Mark served as school principal at Homer Middle School beginning in 1994. As a school administrator, Mark was highly supportive of his staff and the student body. He consistently displayed qualities of initiative, conscientiousness, and professionalism.

His effectiveness as an educational leader made Mark a natural for the Director of Assessment position that he assumed in 1999. Under Mark's direction, the district weathered the storm of newly mandated state testing. The initial rounds of the Alaska High School Graduation Qualifying Exam were completed with very few, if any, noticeable hitches.

Mark's successes did not go unnoticed. His expertise and the professional manner in which he handled the district's assessment needs helped land Mark a move to Juneau. Mark will be missed by everyone on the Kenai Peninsula but we wish him the very best.

We, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education thank you, Mark Leal, for your outstanding service to the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.