Laurie Olson Golden Apple Recipient September 8, 2003

Laurie Olson has been a member of the district's Business Office staff for thirteen years. During that time, Laurie has provided assistance to practically all members of the school district's staff. Laurie joined the district as payroll specialist in 1991 and two years ago was promoted to a new position, accountant.

Laurie is a model employee; most of her assigned tasks must be completed under extreme time pressures. Laurie's duties are extremely technical and require a great amount of attention to detail and accuracy. As accountant, Laurie's duties include assisting with the budget process, assisting in closing the fiscal year and assisting with contract negotiation preparations.

Over time, the school district has had reason to issue retroactive payroll payments, but following last year's contract settlement, with all three employee groups, the district encountered an extremely extensive retro-active payment process involving retro-active payments for nine months – crossing two calendar years and two different retirement rates. This was no small endeavor; a project of this magnitude had never been undertaken by the district's limited payroll staff. Laurie was the manager of this successful, extensive project.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education extends recognition to Laurie Olson for her outstanding contributions and service to the school district. Thank you, Laurie!