Good afternoon.

My name is Lisa Bywater and I am here with my colleagues representing the faculty and staff that teach and support the students of ASD. Kathy was raised here as a student, is a proud alumni, and will attest to the impact ASD made upon her life. Becky has been teaching at ASD since 2007, teaching a variety of ages and programs. I have been at ASD since 1991 as a Speech/Language Pathologist offering support services to our students.

We believe ASD gives students access to choices they may otherwise not have. It allows them to find and grow to realize their potential. ASD provides - choice, hope, and potential.

ASD provides services to a wide range of ages and abilities. Preschool students to age 21 have access to education preparing them for independent living, college, or employment in the workforce. Faculty and staff are themselves life-long learners, constantly striving to learn new methods to inspire their students or updating tried-and-true strategies.
Students have access to information through THEIR language(s), developing intellect and enhancing quality of life. Education goes beyond the classroom to the greater global community. These hands-on, purposeful experiences add breadth and depth to their learning. Every student is provided with experiences that lead to options so that when they leave us, their futures are wide open.

ASD’s goal for each student is to maximize their independence. Our passion is to provide them with opportunities and identity. It is more than a school.

Our graduates have gone on to become teachers, actors, directors, poets, successful business people, principals, school superintendents, world famous chefs, firefighters, even a White House receptionist! ASD gave them pride, and the world. We want ASD to continue to give our students the world!