



Monthly Update



Anchorage School District

This month at the Anchorage School District

- **Monday, January 16, schools will be closed** for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- **Monday, January 23, is an in-service day.** No school for students.
- **All middle school attendance boundaries to be reviewed.** See "announcements" for details.

Announcements

Middle school attendance boundaries under review

All middle school attendance boundaries will be reviewed beginning this month and continuing for the next several months. A committee of parents, students and principals from each school will review existing boundaries and enrollment as well as projected enrollment. The committee will create a boundary for the new middle school being constructed on DeBarr Road, and will change some other middle school boundaries to balance enrollment. The committee will make an advisory recommendation to the superintendent in April, with School Board review and approval scheduled for late April, early May. Changes will go into effect in August 2007. Call 742-4249 for more information.

Reminder: Next school year will begin August 22

Already making plans for summer break? Don't forget that the first day of school is Tuesday, August 22, two weeks earlier than in previous years. The earlier start date gives students more instructional time prior to statewide testing and allows the first semester to conclude in December at winter break, rather than carrying over to January. Information regarding registration will be available next month.

Obsolete and surplus books and supplies giveaway

The following ASD schools will offer surplus and obsolete textbooks, library books and some school supplies to the public a first-come, first served basis from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., January 30 through February 3. A list of the items available can be reviewed at the ASD Elementary Education office, 4600 DeBarr Road. Phone requests will not be accepted; items cannot be held or reserved. Any surplus items not taken by the end of the day, Friday, February 3, will be made available to other communities in the state.

Elementary:		Middle School:
Airport Heights	North Star	Goldenview
Bear Valley	Rabbit Creek	Mirror Lake
Birchwood	Scenic Park	High School:
Girdwood	Spring Hill	Bartlett
Government Hill	Turnagain	Benny Benson
Lake Otis	Williwaw	East

K-12 Alternative Program Fairs

Learn more about ASD's alternative programs on Saturday, February 4 by visiting one of these locations:

Boniface Education Center 5530 E. Northern Lights 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Eagle River Fred Meyer 13401 Old Glenn Highway 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
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Representatives will be on hand to talk with you about world language immersion (Spanish, Japanese and Russian), ABC back-to-basics, open optional, Montessori, multi-sensory instruction, charter schools, and schools-within-schools.

Out of school without a diploma?

Earn your high school diploma. The Anchorage School District offers the Evening High School program for students who have dropped out of high school within the last two years. Also eligible are students who have earned a certificate of achievement and need assistance in passing the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam. Classes run 7-9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 401 W. International Road, Suite #27. For more information contact Gina Pastos, 742-1170.

Point of Pride

Two ASD students recently won high honors for their entries in a national poster contest sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German. Aquarian Charter School fourth-grader Jane Kim won third



place in the elementary school division, while Northern Lights ABC K-8 School seventh-grader Kristin Pearce won third place in the middle school division. Pictured are (from left): German teacher Jo Sanders, Jane Kim, Northern Lights principal Karen Wallace, Kristin Pearce, Northern Lights teacher Lucia Woofler.

A Word from Carol Comeau



Welcome to the New Year! The first semester is coming to a close and many students are preparing for final exams and projects. Best wishes to them and their teachers.

This month we're continuing major discussions on budget, bonds, boundaries and more. These issues can sometimes sound bureaucratic and removed from a student's personal experience in a classroom, but they're not. All will involve a great deal of staff and public participation.

Every decision we make on these issues, and all others, is aimed at improving the quality of instruction for our students. We're committed to making decisions based on data and results. We're also guided by our six-year instructional and capital plans, roadmaps of what we want to achieve and how to get there.

As you hear and read about our budget, bonds, boundaries and other important issues, whether in the news or in casual conversation, please look and listen for the connection to student achievement.

Most sincerely,

Carol Comeau

Meetings of the Anchorage School Board

agendas current as of 1/6/06

SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA				January 9, 2006	4:30 p.m.	4600 DeBarr Road, Room 320
Call To Order, Roll Call Jeff Friedman, Presiding School Board Comments	Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation) 1. Student Hearings 2. Initial Contract Proposals - AEA	Superintendent's Update Adjournment				
REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA				January 9, 2006	6:30 p.m.	4600 DeBarr Road
Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute Jeff Friedman, Presiding Approval Of Agenda Announcements Awards/Recognitions/Presentations 1. Eagle River High School Choir, Director Andrea Lang 2. Memo 150 - Recognition of 2005 National Teacher Certification Recipients Special Advisory Reports 1. Student Advisory Board 2. Military Delegate 3. M.E.C.A.C. Public Testimony 1. Public Testimony Regarding Upcoming AEA Negotiations Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items (30-minute time limit) Consent Agenda 1. Memo 90 - Revisions to the Six Year Instructional Plan 2. Memo 11 - School Board Policy Revisions: Section 332.3 Lottery Procedures - Open Enrollment (Second Reading)	3. Memo 63 - School Board Policy Revisions: Sections 524 and 617 Nepotism and Sections 524.1 and 617.1 Fraternalization (Second Reading) 4. Memo 173 - Approval of Proposed Changes to the Highland Tech Charter 5. Memo 151 - Approval of Schematic Design for Chugiak High School Renewal Phase 4 6. Memo 74 - Award of Contract: Basketball Officiating 7. Memo 139 - Award of Contract: West High School Generator Installation 8. Memo 159 - Award of Contract: Romig Middle School Generator Installation 9. Memo 138 - Award of Contract: Bartlett High School Generator Installation 10. Memo 158 - Award of Contract: Nine School Boiler Conversions 11. Memo 157 - Award of Contract: Riding Snow Blowers 12. Memo 164 - Professional Services Selection for Dimond High School Gym/Pool Code Upgrades and Renewal 13. Memo 166 - Recommendation for Clark Middle School Renewal School Construction Delivery Method	14. Memo 167 - Recommendation for Hazardous Materials Professional Consulting Services 15. Memo 168 - Mt. View, Birchwood, Rabbit Creek Elementary Schools Alternative Asbestos Abatement Procurement 16. Memo 160 - Personnel Report Superintendent's Report 1. Memo 161 - Project Status Report 2. Memo 170 - Facility Change Order Report and Completed Projects for the Month of November 2005 3. Memo 171 - Treasurer's Report/Financial Recap: November 30, 2005 4. Memo 172 - Operating Budget Transfers November Monthly Report FY 2005 - 2006 Persons To Be Heard On Non-agenda Items Communications & School Board Comments Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation) Adjournment				

*The meeting will be aired live on cable channel 14 and will be rebroadcast Jan. 11 at 5 p.m., Jan. 12 at 12:30 p.m., Jan. 14 at 12:30 p.m. and Jan. 15 at 7:30 a.m. The meeting will be closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. The agenda is available in Braille by calling 742-4153. The ASD telephone number is 742-4000. A message may be left after hours.

WORK SESSION—AGENDA				January 11, 2006	9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	4600 DeBarr Road
Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute Jeff Friedman, Presiding Superintendent's Comments 1. Memo 179 - FY 2006-2007 Preliminary Financial Plan a. Superintendent's Overview b. Financial Analysis • Revenue Projections • Expenditure Projections c. Administrative d. Human Resources e. Communications	f. Business Services g. Chief Information Office h. Support Services i. Instruction j. Curriculum/Instruction Support k. Charter Schools School Board Comments Adjournment	The time estimate is intended to offer a suggestion for presentation by the Administration and questions and answers from the School Board. The presentations should take about 10 minutes for each alphabetical listing (c-k). It hopefully will allow for more efficient time management but everyone should be flexible and responsive to the amount of time needed.				

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WORK SESSION—AGENDA				January 17, 2006	9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	4600 DeBarr Road
Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute Jeff Friedman, Presiding School Board Comments Adjournment	b. Special Education c. Elementary Education d. Middle School Education e. High School Education	The time estimate is intended to offer a suggestion for presentation by the Administration and questions and answers from the School Board. The presentations should take about 10 minutes for each alphabetical listing (b-e). It hopefully will allow for more efficient time management but everyone should be flexible and responsive to the amount of time needed.				

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SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA				January 23, 2006	4:30 p.m.	4600 DeBarr Road, Room 320
Call To Order, Roll Call Jeff Friedman, Presiding School Board Comments	Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation) 1. Student Hearings	Adjournment				
REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA*				January 23, 2006	6:30 p.m.	4600 DeBarr Road
Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute, Jeff Friedman, Presiding Approval Of Agenda Announcements Awards/Recognitions/Presentations 1. Denali Choir, Director Chuck Stafford 2. ACEA - Community Schools Presentation 3. Memo 152 - Recognition of Len Mackler Award for Excellence in School Facility Design Recipient 4. Memo 153 - Recognition of Finalists for Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Special Advisory Reports 1. Student Advisory Board 2. Military Delegate 3. M.E.C.A.C. Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items (30-minute time limit)	Consent Agenda 1. Approval of Minutes a. Regular Meeting - October 24, 2005 b. Regular Meeting - November 14, 2005 2. Memo 175 - Approval of School Board Out-of-State Travel, March 2006 3. Memo 181 - Prior Approval of Discretionary Grant: Alaska Science and Technology Education Development 4. Memo 182 - Prior Approval of Discretionary Grant: Teaching American History Grant Program 5. Memo 157 - Award of Contract: Taxicab Services 6. Memo 165 - Approval of Change Order: Bartlett High School Phase 2B 7. Memo 169 - Professional Service Selection for Clark Middle School Renewal 8. Memo 162 - Personnel Report Superintendent's Report 1. Memo 163 - Project Status Report	2. Memo 174 - Facility Contract Modification Report and Completed Projects for the Month of December 2005 3. Memo 155 - Conflict of Interest - Second Quarter Report FY 2005-2006 4. Memo 156 - Semi-Annual Report on Professional/Consultant Services on Contracts over \$10,000 5. Memo 176 - Out-of-District Travel - Second Quarter Report FY 2005-2006 6. Memo 177 - Treasurer's Report/Financial Recap: December 31, 2005 7. Memo 178 - Operating Budget Transfers - December Monthly Report FY 2005-2006 Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items Communications & School Board Comments Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation) Adjournment				

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SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA				January 26, 2006	5:00 p.m.	4600 DeBarr Road
Call To Order, Roll Call Jeff Friedman, Presiding School Board Comments	Consent Agenda 1. Memo 180 - FY 2006-2007 Proposed Financial Plan (First Reading)	Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation) Adjournment				

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SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA				February 2, 2006	5:00 p.m.	4600 DeBarr Road
Call To Order, Roll Call Jeff Friedman, Presiding School Board Comments	Consent Agenda 1. Memo 180 - FY 2006-2007 Proposed Financial Plan (Second Reading)	Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation) Adjournment				

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MECAC: The mission of the Minority Education Concerns Advisory Committee (MECAC) is to serve as the voice for families in the Anchorage School District and to promote educational success for minority students. The MECAC meets the third Thursday of every month at 12 noon at 4600 DeBarr Road, Room 320.

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