



Monthly Update



Anchorage School District

This month at the Anchorage School District

- **Friday, May 19** is an in-service day. No school for students.
- **Monday, May 29**, schools and district offices are closed for Memorial Day.
- **High school graduations** begin May 17 and continue through June 7. Complete schedule available at www.asdk12.org. (see note below)

Announcements

Annual recognition and reception for school volunteers

Honoring Those Who Give Their Time to Help Schools Succeed
 Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 p.m.
 Wendler Middle School
 For more info, call 742-4158

Gifted Parent Forum Meeting

Parenting Gifted Children: Frequently Asked Questions and Helpful Answers
 Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m.
 Boniface Education Center, Orange Conference Room
 For more info, call 742-3794

School Business Partnerships

Star Awards for Outstanding Partners of the Year
 Monday, May 15, 12 p.m.
 Egan Convention Center
 For more info, call 742-4151

Plan ahead for graduation parking

Parking will be limited this year for all graduations held at the Sullivan Arena. Beginning May 15th, construction projects at the Sullivan Arena and Ben Boeke Ice Rink will eliminate more than 300 parking spaces. There is also a possibility of temporary detours around 16th Avenue. Please consider carpooling, arriving early or taking a shuttle. The ASD will provide free shuttle service to and from the Sullivan Arena on graduation day. The shuttle will leave from the graduating high school's parking lot one hour before graduation begins and will depart the Sullivan Arena half an hour after the graduation ceremony ends. The shuttle service is open to all friends and family, it's free of charge and you can bring flowers, balloons or other celebratory items with you on the shuttle.

Summer school registration underway now

Parents can register their children through May for the ASD summer school programs. Summer classes begin June 19—21 and continue through July 25—28 (dates vary depending on grade level). Elementary summer school is for remediation classes. Middle and high school summer school offers remediation as well as enrichment classes. Registration requirements, fees, class descriptions, detailed schedules and other information are available at www.asdk12.org. Last year more than 5,000 ASD students continued their education through the summer by taking classes and programs.

Reminder: Next school year starts August 22, 2006

First day of classes in the fall will be Tuesday, August 22. Registration will be held the week of August 7–11.

Point of Pride

In addition to powerful academic offerings, West High School has an outstanding fine arts program, as evidenced by two of its students winning top honors last week in the National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. David Hansen won gold for his "Pond in a Box" sculpture and Ursala Knudsen-Latta won an American Vision award for her "Express Mail" apparel design. Their projects were among 25,000 pieces of student art from across the country that rose through regional competitions and made it to national adjudication. As top award winners, David's and Ursala's artworks will be displayed at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. from June 30 to August 6, 2006. Congratulations to them, and to the fine arts program at West High School!



West High School students Ursala Knudsen-Latta and David Hansen

A Word from Carol Comeau



In a few weeks I'll have the pleasure of shaking the hands of thousands of our high school seniors as they take their celebratory walk across the graduation stage. No matter their future plans, these young men and women can hold their heads high, knowing that they have met the academic challenges given to them by their teachers, our district and our state. They are prepared to succeed in life.

I am so proud of our students and staff who have raised the level of academic achievement over the last three years. More schools are making adequate yearly progress. SAT and ACT college entrance exam scores have increased. More students are taking rigorous, upper-level classes.

After graduation, we won't rest on those accomplishments. We'll strive to do even better, to ensure more of our students achieve success in the coming years. With your help and support, I know we can.

Most sincerely,

Carol Comeau

Meetings of the Anchorage School Board

agendas current as of 4/28/06

SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA May 1, 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 (Live Hearing at 4:45 p.m.)
 2. Contract Negotiations Update

3. Litigation Update
 Superintendent's Update
 Adjournment

REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA May 1, 2006 6:30 p.m. 4600 DeBarr Road

Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute
 Jeff Friedman, Presiding
 Approval Of Agenda
 FY 2005-2006 President's Remarks
 Announcements

Consent Agenda

1. Memo 248 - Approval of Educational Specifications for Clark Middle School Renewal
2. Memo 218 - Middle School Boundary Changes (Second Reading)
3. Memo 219 - Boundary Changes for Airport Heights, Mountain View, Ptarmigan, Russian Jack, William Tyson, Williwaw, and Wonder Park Elementary Schools (First Reading)
4. Memo 220 - Boundary Changes for Bear Valley, Willard L. Bowman, Huffman, O'Malley, and Rabbit Creek Elementary Schools (First Reading)

Awards/Recognitions/Presentations
 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)

5. Memo 260 - Personnel Report
 Superintendent's Report
 Persons To Be Heard On Non-agenda Items
 Communications & School Board Comments
 Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)
 Adjournment

Persons wishing to be heard may call 742-4315 or sign up prior to the meeting being called to order.

*The meeting will be aired live on cable channel 14 and will be rebroadcast May 3 at 5 p.m., May 4 at 12:30 p.m., May 6 at 12:30 p.m. and May 7 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.

SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA May 8, 2006 4:30-5:00 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. Uncontested Student Hearings
 2. HSGQE Waivers

Superintendent's Update
 Adjournment

WORK SESSION—AGENDA May 8, 2006 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. 4600 DeBarr Road

Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute
 Jeff Friedman, Presiding
 Announcements

Discussion
 1. Title IX - Gender Equity
 School Board Comments

Adjournment

REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA May 8, 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. Ravenwood Choir - Richard Lum, Director
 2. Memo 258 - Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting
 3. Memo 298 - Recognition of Emergency Preparedness Poster Contest Winners

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 - January 23, 2006
 - b. Regular Meeting - February 6, 2006
 - c. Regular Meeting - February 27, 2006
 - d. Regular Meeting - March 6, 2006
 - e. Special Meeting - March 27, 2006
 - f. Special Meeting - April 10, 2006
2. Memo 286 - Resolution Designating May 10, 2006 as National School Nurses Day
3. Memo 219 - Boundary Changes for Airport Heights,

- Mountain View, Ptarmigan, Russian Jack, William Tyson, Williwaw, and Wonder Park Elementary Schools (Second Reading)
4. Memo 220 - Boundary Changes for Bear Valley, Willard L. Bowman, Huffman, O'Malley, and Rabbit Creek Elementary Schools (Second Reading)
5. Memo 289 - Acceptance of Grant Award: Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau Sponsorship of Landmark Course
6. Memo 293 - Prior Approval of Discretionary Grant: Foreign Language Assistance Program (FLAP)
7. Memo 236 - Award of Contract: Willow Crest Elementary School Mechanical Upgrades
8. Memo 245 - Award of Contract: Northwood Elementary School Roof Upgrades
9. Memo 246 - Award of Contract: Chester Valley Elementary School Traffic Safety Improvements
10. Memo 251 - Award of Contract: West High School Restroom and Mechanical Upgrades
11. Memo 268 - Award of Contract: Rabbit Creek Elementary School Utilidors Asbestos Abatement
12. Memo 257 - Approval of Purchase Agreement Smart Technologies Interactive White Boards
13. Memo 288 - Professional Services Selection for Labar Street Complex Master Planning
14. Memo 284 - Renewal of District Health Insurance Contracts

15. Memo 294 - Renewal of Lease for Crossroads Program
16. Memo 270 - Personnel Report

Superintendent's Report
 1. Memo 261 - Project Status Report
 2. Memo 262 - Facility Contract Modification Report and Completed Projects for the Month of March 2006
 3. Memo 263 - Conflict of Interest - Third Quarter Report FY 2005-2006
 4. Memo 264 - Status Report: Submission of Discretionary Grants, Third Quarter 2005-2006 School Year
 5. Memo 265 - Out-of-District Travel - Third Quarter Report FY 2005-2006
 6. Memo 266 - Operating Budget Transfers - March Monthly Report FY 2005-2006
 7. Memo 267 - Treasurer's Report/Financial Recap - March 31, 2006

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 Communications & School Board Comments
 Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)
 Adjournment

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WORK SESSION—AGENDA May 15, 2006 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. 4600 DeBarr Road

Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute
 Jeff Friedman, Presiding
 Announcements

Discussion
 1. ASD Wellness Committee Report
 2. Mayor's Task Force on Obesity Report

3. Discussion of Issues
 School Board Comments
 Adjournment

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SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA May 22, 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. HSGQE Waivers

3. Contract Negotiations Update
 4. Litigation Update
 Superintendent's Update
 Adjournment

REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA May 22, 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. South High School Concert Orchestra, Kathryn Hoffer directing
 2. Goldenview Middle School Students' Project Citizen Presentation
 3. Memo 259 - Pencils Full of Stars
 4. Memo 269 - Recognition of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award Recipient
 5. Memo 299 - Recognition of Spring 2006 Denali Award Winners

Special Advisory Reports

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3. M.E.C.A.C.

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1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting - March 27, 2006
 - b. Regular Meeting - April 10, 2006
2. Memo 272 - 2006-2007 Hazardous Transportation

- Recommendations
3. Memo 285 - Title IX/Gender Equity Task Force Report
4. Memo 290 - School Board Policy Revision: Section 443 Irregular Attendance, Truancy, and Tardiness (First Reading)
5. Memo 300 - New School Board Policy: Section 351 Student Nutrition and Physical Activity
6. Memo 291 - Acceptance of Grant Award: High Growth Job Training Initiative - Energy Implementation Grant
7. Memo 235 - Approval of Supplemental Educational Specifications for Romig Middle School Renewal
8. Memo 242 - Approval of Supplemental Educational Specifications for West High School Renewal
9. Memo 275 - Award of Contract: Chugiak Security Systems Upgrades
10. Memo 276 - Award of Contract: Steller Security Systems Upgrades
11. Memo 279 - Award of Contract: Bakery Products
12. Memo 280 - Award of Contract: Dairy Products
13. Memo 281 - Award of Contract: Food Service Expendable Supplies
14. Memo 282 - Award of Contract: Food Staples
15. Memo 283 - Award of Contract: Frozen Food Products
16. Memo 292 - Award of Contract: Airport Heights Fire Protection, Plumbing & Fire Alarm Upgrades

17. Memo 295 - Award of Contract: Clark Middle School Upper Roof - Reroof and Structural Upgrades
 18. Memo 297 - Professional Services Selection for Five Elementary Schools Boiler and Electrical Upgrades
 19. Memo 287 - Personnel Report
 Superintendent's Report
 1. Memo 271 - Project Status Report
 2. Memo 296 - Facility Contract Modification Report and Completed Projects for the Month of April 2006
 3. Memo 273 - Third Quarter Parent/Teacher Conference Report 2005-2006
 4. Memo 274 - Third Quarter Suspension/Weapons/Expulsion Report 2005-2006
 5. Memo 277 - Operating Budget Transfers - April Monthly Report FY 2005-2006
 6. Memo 278 - Treasurer's Report/Financial Recap - April 30, 2006

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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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