

# Monthly Update



## Anchorage School District

### This month at the Anchorage School District

- **Last day of school: Thursday, June 8**
- **Summer school begins June 19—21** (see below for more info)
- **First day of school this fall: Tuesday, August 22**
- **Watch graduation ceremonies online**  
Parents, family or friends who were not able to attend graduation ceremonies—perhaps because they are serving in the military overseas, working on the North Slope, or living far from Alaska—can still watch the ceremonies on the Internet at no charge. AT&T Alascom and StarBak Communications joined together to digitally record the graduation ceremonies of Bartlett, Chugiak, Dimond, Eagle River, East, Service, South and West high schools. Free digital movies of the ceremonies are posted online at StarBak as a service to our community. To watch one of the ceremonies, visit <http://inv.starbak.com> and click on the “Education” link.

### Announcements

#### Students: Be on your best behavior

Just four school days left until summer break! We are asking students to continue to be on their best behavior all the way through the last day of school. That means no harassing younger students and no throwing trash or other objects in hallways or on the bus. School staff, parents and police will be watching schools and bus routes next week to make sure everyone enjoys a safe and happy end of the school year. For those few students who are tempted to misbehave, we will take disciplinary action, even on the last day of school—suspensions and other actions can carry over to the start of the next school year.

#### ASD grads rake in over \$18 million in scholarship offers and financial awards

The 3,000 seniors who earned their diplomas this year have been flooded with scholarship offers and financial awards totaling more than \$18 million. Whether they're off to college, trade school, military service or academy appointments, or straight into a career field, we congratulate them on their successes and wish them the best in the years to come.

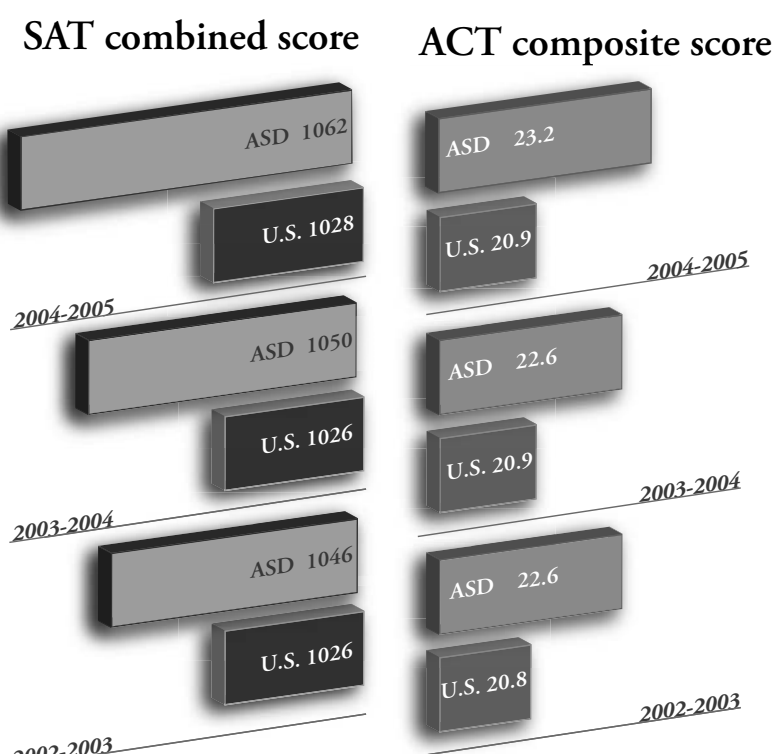
#### Summer school

Registration for summer school is underway now. More than 5,000 students are expected to be in summer school this year. Classes begin June 19—21 and end July 25—28 (specific dates depends on grade level). Elementary students who are more than one year behind their grade level in reading, writing or math can attend summer school classes designed to help get them caught up. For students in middle and high school, there are remedial courses for students struggling in reading, writing and math, and there are enrichment courses for those students who want to get ahead, graduate early, or take classes this summer to give flexibility to their regular school-year schedules. For more information, please visit [www.asdk12.org](http://www.asdk12.org).

#### Mark your calendar: Registration August 7—11

Registration for the 2006-2007 school year will be held at schools during the week of August 7—11. Specific times and details will be posted on the Web at [www.asdk12.org](http://www.asdk12.org) during the summer, and you can also watch for the back-to-school section in the Anchorage Daily News on August 4.

### Point of Pride



### A Word from Carol Comeau



One of the most satisfying, joyful parts of my job as superintendent is to personally congratulate and shake the hands of our graduates each year.

This year, our graduating class is 3,000 students strong. Each has earned 22.5 credits with passing grades in math, language arts, social studies, science, physical education and a variety of electives. Each has also passed the Alaska High School Graduation Qualifying Exam. They've been tested, literally and figuratively, overcoming numerous challenges along the way.

Not only did they rise to the challenges before them, they exceeded our expectations. Districtwide SAT and ACT scores are higher than ever, outpacing the statewide and national averages. More of our students, these seniors included, are taking upper-level classes, whether through Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or other rigorous courses. As a group, this year's graduates have earned well over \$18 million in scholarships and financial awards.

The Class of 2006 has the skills to succeed. They know what it takes to be good, productive citizens. Now it is time for them to carve their futures, to make their mark in life as individuals and as fellow members of society.

Behind every graduate stands a team of educators and support personnel who have helped them along, from kindergarten through high school. I am very proud of their work and am honored to call them my fellow ASD coworkers. Parents and family members are also a part of this team, partnering with schools to make sure that their students are successful.

A good school system requires financial support, and the School Board and I want to thank the Legislature, the Governor, the Mayor and the Assembly for supporting an increase to K-12 public education funding. Their efforts and actions help ensure that a quality educational program will remain available for all our students.

On a personal note, I want to thank the community for its support of the Anchorage School District—whether through volunteering at a school, serving on a committee or task force, supporting school bonds, or simply passing along a kind word to teachers, principals and support staff—we appreciate it very much.

Congratulations again, Class of 2006. I wish you happiness, prosperity, and good fortune.

Most sincerely,

*Carol Comeau*

### Meetings of the Anchorage School Board

agendas current as of 6/2/06

#### SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA June 12, 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. Proposed Risk Management Settlement  
*Superintendent's Update*  
*Adjournment*

#### REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA June 12, 2006 6:30 p.m. 4600 DeBarr Road

*Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute*  
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*Approval Of Agenda*  
*FY 2005-2006 President's Remarks*  
*Announcements*  
*Awards/Recognitions/Presentations*

1. Casio Presentation  
2. BP Teachers of Excellence Presentation  
3. Sea Train Presentation  
4. Service Learning Presentation  
5. **Memo 299** - Recognition of Spring 2006 Denali Award Winners  
6. **Memo 288** - School Nurse of the Year  
7. **Memo 301** - Recognition of Librarian Service Award  
8. **Memo 327** - Presidential Excellence for Math and Science Awards  
*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. Special Meeting - February 2, 2006  
b. Regular Meeting - March 27, 2006  
c. Special Meeting - April 20, 2006  
d. Special Meeting - May 1, 2006  
e. Special Meeting - May 8, 2006  
f. Special Meeting - May 22, 2006  
2. **Memo 333** - Adoption of Tentative Agreement: Food Service Employees, 2006-2009  
3. **Memo 300** - New School Board Policy: Section 351 - Student Nutrition and Physical Activity (Second Reading)  
4. **Memo 328** - Grant Application Authorization for Alaska Energy Cost Reduction Projects  
5. **Memo 329** - Prior Approval of Discretionary Grant: Emergency Response and Crisis Management  
6. **Memo 330** - Acceptance of Grant Award: HP Technology for Teaching Initiative  
7. **Memo 305** - Award of Contract: Playground Shredded Rubber Fill  
8. **Memo 275** - Award of Contract: Chugiak Elementary School Security Upgrades  
9. **Memo 341** - Sole Source Approval of Online Courseware  
10. **Memo 306** - Personnel Report

*Superintendent's Report*

1. **Memo 307** - Project Status Report  
2. **Memo 308** - Annual Review/End of Year Report for FY 2005-2006 Aquarian Charter School  
3. **Memo 309** - Annual Review/End of Year Report for FY 2005-2006 Eagle Academy Charter School  
4. **Memo 310** - Annual Review/End of Year Report for FY 2005-2006 Family Partnership Charter School  
5. **Memo 311** - Annual Review/End of Year Report for FY 2005-2006 Frontier Charter School  
6. **Memo 312** - Annual Review/End of Year Report for FY 2005-2006 Highland Tech Charter School  
7. **Memo 313** - Annual Review/End of Year Report for FY 2005-2006 Winterberry Charter School

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*Communications & School Board Comments*  
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*Adjournment*

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a. Regular Meeting - April 10, 2006  
b. Regular Meeting - April 20, 2006  
c. Regular Meeting - May 1, 2006  
d. Regular Meeting - May 8, 2006  
e. Regular Meeting - May 22, 2006  
2. **Memo 318** - Budget Transfers for FY 2005-2006  
3. **Memo 340** - Appropriation of State of Alaska Legislative Grant Funds Senate Bill 231  
4. **Memo 302** - No Child Left Behind Federal Program Consolidated Project Application for 2006-2007

5. **Memo 331** - Acceptance of Grant Award: Interlibrary Cooperation  
6. **Memo 339** - FY 2005-2006 Budget Adjustment for Winterberry Charter School  
7. **Memo 319** - Award of Contract: Fresh Pizza  
8. **Memo 332** - Award of Contract: Turn-Key Electronic Document Management System  
9. **Memo 303** - Award of Contract: Employee Assistance Program  
10. **Memo 295** - Award of Contract: Clark Middle School Upper Roof Repairs  
11. **Memo 337** - Approval of Funding for Capital Projects Using Interest Earnings and Project Balances  
12. **Memo 334** - Gladys Wood Elementary School Master Planning Services  
13. **Memo 304** - Approval of Purchase of School Bus  
14. **Memo 315** - Personnel Report

*Superintendent's Report*

1. **Memo 316** - Project Status Report  
2. **Memo 322** - Facility Contract Modification Report and Completed Projects for the Month of May 2006  
3. **Memo 338** - Report on Vending Machines  
4. **Memo 314** - End-of-the-Year Membership Summary

for 2005-2006  
5. **Memo 320** - Evaluation of the District Improvement Plan for the 2005-2006 School Year  
6. **Memo 321** - Update on Indian Education Program and Native Advisory Committee  
7. **Memo 335** - Math Program Evaluation  
8. **Memo 323** - Operating Budget Transfers - May Monthly Report FY 2005-2006  
9. **Memo 324** - Treasurer's Report/Financial Recap: May 31, 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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