

Monthly Update



Anchorage School District

This month at the Anchorage School District

- **May 23** – End of 4th quarter, last day of school
- **May 28** – Memorial Day, all administrative offices closed
- **June 11-13** – Summer school begins
- **August 6-9** – Registration begins for 2007-08 school year
- **August 22** – First day of school

Announcements

Look for student test results in the mail

Students in grades 3-10 took important tests, called Standards Based Assessments (SBA), last month that will determine if a child and his/her school is making adequate academic progress. SBA results for grades 3-9 will be mailed to parents the week of June 4.

Last year, all elementary grades exceeded 80 percent proficiency in reading. Educational experts consider this a benchmark of a successful system.

2006 SBA results — reading

- 3rd grade: 81% of students were proficient
- 4th grade: 82% of students were proficient
- 5th grade: 83% of students were proficient
- 6th grade: 81% of students were proficient

Students in grades 10-12 also took the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam, more commonly known as the exit exam, that they must pass as a qualification for graduation. The combined exit exam and SBA results will be mailed to parents the week of May 21.

Watch graduations online

If your student has loved ones overseas or grandparents who can't make the trip to Alaska to watch graduation, that doesn't mean they'll lose out on the big event. Thanks to AT&T Alascom, all graduations for the district's comprehensive high schools can be seen online. The graduations will be available live and "on-demand" via streaming video. You can watch the following graduations through mid-July: Bartlett, Chugiak, Dimond, Eagle River, East, Service, South and West. Log on to www.asdk12.org/parents/graduation.asp for a link to AT&T's site.

Summer learning

Classrooms empty out this month and students and staff will enjoy the long Alaska summer days but the learning shouldn't stop there. During the summer, children need a change in routine but they also need to continue exercising their brains and practicing skills they learned in school. Please take an interest in your child's summer activities to ensure that learning never ends. There are many worthwhile summer camps, classes and programs in our community.

Students who are struggling in school may benefit from the district's summer school program. Summer school is offered for all grades and is held at schools in Anchorage and Eagle River during the months of June and July. If you have questions about summer school, please talk with a principal, teacher or counselor. Summer school registration is underway now. A calendar of important summer school dates can be found at www.asdk12.org/summer.

ASD-TV features student talents

Spring music festivals and dance programs will air on ASD-TV cable channel 14 throughout the summer. Check out the broadcast schedule at www.asdk12.org/channel14/ to set your video recorder for specific programs.



Point of Pride

Congratulations Chief Master Sergeant Morris Pickel (Retired) for being named the 2007 Outstanding Air Force JROTC Instructor of the Year. The award was presented by the director of the Air Force JROTC program to the top 10 percent of more than 1,900 instructors worldwide. Chief Pickel is a 17-year instructor at West High and is known as an expert who many Air Force units turn to for advice. He's helped establish Air Force JROTC units at South Anchorage and Eagle River high schools. He's also sent numerous teams to drill competitions, taking home national championship honors in 1998, 2001, 2004 and 2006.



A Word from Carol Comeau, Superintendent

Each spring students, staff and parents focus on the end of school by counting the days until the last bell rings. Yet spring is really about beginnings. Graduates participate in "commencement," a ceremony that is named for beginning a new life stage. Our commencement ceremonies began last Tuesday and continue through May 23.

Our graduates bring many accomplishments to the next phase of their lives. Each has earned 22.5 credits and passed the Alaska High School Graduation Qualifying Exam. They've faced many tests, both literally and figuratively, and they have the academic, vocational and work-readiness skills to take them successfully into the future.

Behind every graduate stands a team of educators and support personnel who have helped them along, from the first day of kindergarten to the last day of high school. I am proud to work with dedicated professionals who influence the future. I know that even before they close their classrooms for summer they are planning for next year's successes.

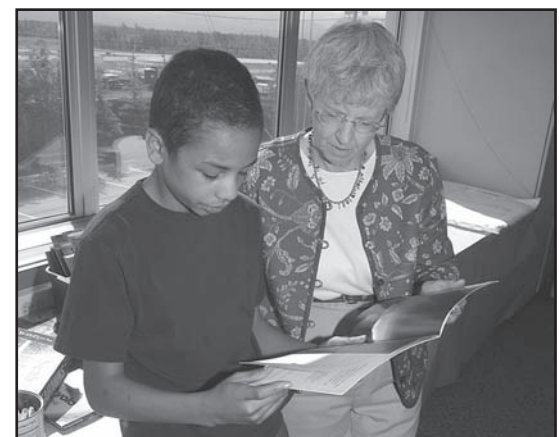
Parents and other adults play essential roles in student success in school and all other aspects of life. We've enjoyed tremendous support from the mayor, the Anchorage Assembly and the business community. I look forward to another year of valuable parent and community involvement in our schools.

Like our students and staff, legislators are counting the days until the legislative session ends. Their hard work in Juneau is the foundation for a strong beginning of our next school year. I am grateful for their support of funding for the retirement system, special education, debt reimbursement, the base student allocation and the area cost differential that provides for students all over Alaska. Schools will enjoy many strong beginnings thanks to unanimous bipartisan support for depositing \$1 billion into the Public Education Fund. This focus on funding future school years shows real leadership and vision on the part of our elected officials. I wish them luck in the remaining days of the legislative session.

Enjoy the "commencing" of another great Alaska summer.

Most sincerely,

Carol Comeau



Meetings of the Anchorage School Board

agendas current as of 5/11/07

MEETINGS ARE BROADCAST LIVE ON CABLE CHANNEL 14; SEE REBROADCAST SCHEDULE BELOW SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA May 14, 2007 4:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd, Conference Room 150

Call To Order, Roll Call Tim Steele, Presiding School Board Comments	Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation) 1. Uncontested Student Hearings 2. HSGQE Waivers	Superintendent's Update Adjournment
REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA May 14, 2007 6:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd, Board Room		
Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute Tim Steele, Presiding Approval Of Agenda Announcements Awards/Recognitions/Presentations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scenic Park Elementary Choir, Carolyn Downie directing 2. Memo 299 - Pencils Full of Stars 3. Memo 300 - Recognition of the 2007 Mayor's Arts Award Winner for Individual Artist, David Hagen 4. Memo 271 - Recognition of Spirit of Youth Winners 5. Memo 272 - Recognition of Serum Run Participants 6. Memo 274 - Recognition of Spring 2007 Denali Winners Special Advisory Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Regular Meeting - April 19, 2007 b. Special Meeting - April 30, 2007 c. Regular Meeting - May 7, 2007 2. Memo 273 - 2007-2008 Hazardous Transportation Recommendations 3. Memo 226 - Acceptance of Grant Award: 21st 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Century Alaska Community Learning Centers 5. Memo 296 - Acceptance of Grant Award: AASB 1:1 Student to Computer Pilot Project Grant 6. Memo 324 - Prior Approval of Grant Application: Safe and Drug Free Schools Mentoring Grant 7. Memo 295 - Budget Transfer: Special Education Extended School Year (ESY) Services 8. Memo 318 - Budget Transfer: AASB 1:1 Student to Computer Pilot Project 9. Memo 281 - Award of Contract: Abbott Loop Elementary School Mechanical and Electrical Repairs 10. Memo 279 - Award of Contract: Three Elementary School Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades 11. Memo 279 - Award of Contract: Nicholas Joseph Begich Middle School Classroom Multi-Media System 12. Memo 276 - Award of Contract: Food Service Expendable Supplies 13. Memo 277 - Award of Contract: Food Staples Products 14. Memo 278 - Award of Contract: Frozen Food Products 15. Memo 287 - Award of Contract: Benny Benson School Fire Alarm & Sprinkler System Replacement 16. Memo 282 - Award of Contract: Hanshew Middle School Intercom & PA System Replacement 17. Memo 288 - Award of Contract: Hanshew Middle School Locker Replacement Project 18. Memo 293 - Award of Contract: Life Insurance 19. Memo 249 - Institution of Surcharge for Use of High 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 19. Memo 286 - Personnel Report Superintendent's Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Memo 302 - Project Status Report 2. Memo 303 - Status Report: Submission of Discretionary Grants, Third Quarter 2006-2007 School Year 3. Memo 304 - Annual Review/End-of-Year Report for FY 2006-2007 Winterberry Charter School 4. Memo 305 - Annual Review/End-of-Year Report for FY 2006-2007 Highland Tech High Charter School 5. Memo 306 - Annual Review/End-of-Year Report for FY 2006-2007 Frontier Charter School 6. Memo 307 - Annual Review/End-of-Year Report for FY 2006-2007 Family Partnership Charter School 7. Memo 308 - Annual Review/End-of-Year Report for FY 2006-2007 Eagle Academy Charter School 8. Memo 309 - Annual Review/End-of-Year Report for FY 2006-2007 Aquarian Charter School 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 May 16 at 5 p.m., May 17 at 12:30 p.m., May 19 at 12:30 p.m. and May 20 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 31, 2007 4:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd, Conference Room 150

Call To Order, Roll Call Tim Steele, Presiding School Board Comments	Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation) 1. Uncontested Student Hearings	2. HSGQE Waivers Superintendent's Update Adjournment
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Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute Tim Steele, Presiding Approval Of Agenda Announcements Awards/Recognitions/Presentations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BP Teachers of Excellence Awards 2. Memo 322 - Recognition of Presidential Scholars 3. Memo 323 - Recognition of National Merit Scholars 4. Presentation on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder 5. Presentation on Girls Math Special Advisory Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Regular Meeting - January 31, 2007 b. Regular Meeting - February 8, 2007 c. Regular Meeting - February 20, 2007 d. Regular Meeting - February 26, 2007 e. Special Meeting - May 14, 2007 2. Memo 301 - Adoption of Tentative Agreement: 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anchorage Principal's Association 2007-2010 (tentative) 3. Memo 310 - Revision to FY 2007-2008 Financial Plan (tentative) 4. Memo 319 - Acceptance of Additional Grant Funds: Title II D Enhancing Education Through Technology (E2T2) 5. Memo 289 - Award of Contract: West High School Auditorium Seat Replacement 6. Memo 290 - Award of Contract: Turnagain Elementary School Window Replacement 7. Memo 297 - Award of Contract: Clark Middle School General Contractor/ Construction Manager (GC/GM) Construction Services 8. Memo 294 - Award of Contract: K-12 Student Information System 9. Memo 225 - Award of Contract: Custodial Supplies 10. Memo 282 - Award of Contract: Independent Audit of the Anchorage School District's Financial Records 11. Memo 320 - Professional Services Selection for Chugiak Elementary Traffic Safety Upgrades 12. Memo 321 - Professional Services Selection for Rogers Park Traffic Safety Upgrades 13. Memo 311 - Personnel Report 	Superintendent's Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Memo 312 - Project Status Report 2. Memo 313 - Third Quarter Parent/Teacher Conference Report 2006-2007 3. Memo 314 - Facility Contract Modification Report and Completed Projects for the Month of April 2007 4. Memo 315 - Operating Budget Transfers - April Monthly Report FY 2006-2007 5. Memo 316 - Treasurer's Report/Financial Recap: April 30, 2007 Persons To Be Heard On Non-agenda Items Communications & School Board Comments 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 first Wednesday of every month at 4:30 p.m. and the third Thursday of every month at 12 noon at 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd, Board Conference Room.

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