



Monthly Update



Anchorage School District



This month at the Anchorage School District

- **August 22** – First day of school
- **August 28** – First day of school for kindergartners and first-graders participating in “Ready, Set, Learn”
- **September 3** – Labor Day holiday, all schools and offices closed

Announcements

It's not too late to register for school

www.asdk12.org

If you were unable to register your child for school last week, there is still time. For assistance determining the school your child will attend, please call Demographics at 348-5190. School boundaries can also be found online through our School Finder search program. Students new to a school, including those involved in a boundary change, must bring proof of residency such as a utility bill or phone bill. Kindergartners must be five years old on or before September 1, 2007.

Community Partners Fair

www.asdk12.org/events

Is your organization looking for a way to get information to Anchorage School District principals and their schools? ASD is hosting a Community Partners Fair from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5. Information tables staffed by organizations will be set up in the ASD Education Center atrium. Principals and supervisors will have an opportunity to visit tables and gather information before and after their General Leadership meeting. This is a great way to meet ASD staff, answer questions and distribute information. To participate in the fair, please complete the registration form found at www.asdk12.org/events and fax it to 742-4175. For more information, please call the Communications Department at 742-4153.

We want you to be a part of our team

www.asdk12.org/depts/hr/employment

The Anchorage School District offers opportunities for highly motivated, qualified individuals. Our team, including bus drivers, clerical staff, teachers, administrators and other professionals, makes a difference for nearly 49,000 students. Full and part-time positions are now available for noon duty attendants, crossing guards, student nutrition workers and special education teacher aides. Please visit our Web site for a complete listing of job opportunities with the district.

Spectator sports

www.asdk12.org/activities

Are you curious what your child's cross country running schedule is or when your alma mater will hit the gridiron against the cross town rival? You can access the middle and high school fall sports schedules online. Log on to find specific sports schedules and admission prices to the games and competitions. For more information, call your school's activities principal.

ASD directly to your inbox

www.asdk12.org/asddirect

Do you want to know about district events and news at the same time as the news media? You don't have to wait to hear it from your favorite reporter, you can get it directly from ASD. Sign up for ASD Direct and get the latest press releases, keep up with school board meetings and be alerted to school closures. You can customize your subscription anytime. Many schools also e-mail newsletters and other information. Check with your school's front office to make sure they have your correct e-mail address.

Points of Pride

Dimond High School Principal Cheryl Guyett was recently named one of the top three high school principals in the nation. She's now in the running for the 2008 MetLife/NASSP National High School Principal of the Year award to be announced in September. Cheryl was appointed principal of Dimond High in 2004. Since then she and her staff implemented many concepts to restructure teaching and learning at Dimond with the goal of personalizing the school and increasing student achievement. Under Cheryl's leadership, the school was reformatted into four houses, including a Freshman House modeled on the academy concept that promotes small learning communities. Students stay in their houses until graduation. This personalization has led to increased school safety, improved student and staff satisfaction, and increased student achievement. The school also successfully implemented a Monday late start program, where school starts 45 minutes later, to allow for collaboration among teachers. Congratulations to Cheryl and her team for their hard work.



Guyett

A Word from Carol Comeau, Superintendent

This is going to be a great school year. Yesterday we formally dedicated Nicholas J. Begich Middle School. On August 22, close to 1,000 sixth, seventh and eighth graders will start school at the new facility. It's wonderful to see so many children excited to go to school. The building is beautiful and features state-of-the-art technology. But it's the faculty and students inside the building that will make a difference in academic achievement.

I'm proud to say our staff and students districtwide are doing an outstanding job when it comes to academic achievement and should be commended for their targeted focus, hard work and accomplishments. Our schools reached 98 percent of the “adequate yearly progress” (AYP) targets as determined by No Child Left Behind. Students are making gains across the board and the achievement gap is closing in reading, writing and math. Skills are improving for students across our district, regardless of neighborhood, socioeconomic status, ethnicity or family background.

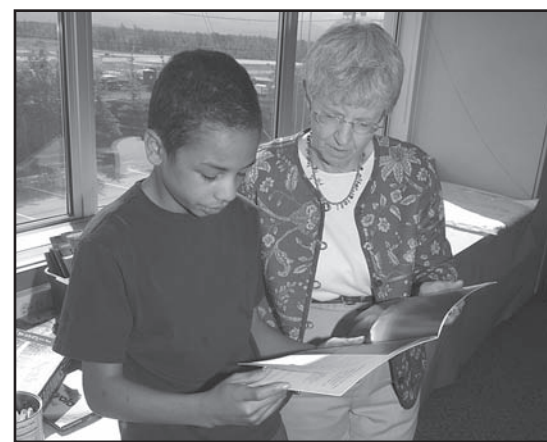
I'm excited to share many success stories from classrooms across our city, Chugiak/Eagle River and Girdwood. Of the schools that did not make AYP, 24 of them missed by just one target. That means, the students at that school accomplished 30 of 31 targets, a positive achievement and they get my stamp of approval because test results show student achievement continues to increase.

I'm confident we will continue to improve this school year. It will be hard work but our staff is dedicated to making sure each student achieves success within the Anchorage School District.

In a week and a half, our 94 school hallways will be bustling with students. Please make sure your child starts the school year off on the right foot by being there on time and ready to learn. As a parent, guardian, family member or community member at-large, I value your opinion. Please feel free to contact me anytime this year if you have any questions or comments.

Most sincerely,

Carol Comeau



Meetings of the Anchorage School Board

agendas current as of 8/10/07

MEETINGS ARE BROADCAST LIVE ON CABLE CHANNEL 14; SEE REBROADCAST SCHEDULE BELOW

SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA August 13, 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. Student Hearings	2. ASD Ed Center Lease Superintendent's Update Adjournment
REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA August 13, 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 1. Memo 10 - Recognition of Chugach National Forest Book Donations 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 - March 12, 2007 b. Regular Meeting - April 9, 2007 c. Regular Meeting - April 30, 2007 d. Regular Meeting - May 31, 2007 e. Regular Meeting - June 11, 2007 f. Regular Meeting - June 25, 2007 g. Special Meeting - June 25, 2007	2. Memo 17 - Charitable Giving Campaign 3. Memo 2 - School Board Policy Addition: Section 350.2 Scheduling Procedures for Cultural Dates of Significance (First Reading) 4. Memo 3 - School Board Policy Revision: Section 333.10 Review of the Charter School (First Reading) 5. Memo 4 - School Board Policy Revision: Section 333.5 Application Form (First Reading) 6. Memo 7 - School Board Policy Revision: Section 444.21 Expectations for Zone Exemptions (First Reading) 7. Memo 8 - Acceptance of Grant Award: McLaughlin Bus Shelter Project 8. Memo 25 - Acceptance of Grant Award: State of Alaska WIA Youth Program 9. Memo 26 - Acceptance of Grant Award: Siemens Engineering Academy 10. Memo 28 - Acceptance of Grant Award: 2006 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant. 11. Memo 9 - Alaska Department Of Education And Early Development Fy2009 Grant Applications	12. Memo 27 - Approval of Re-Allocation of Funds for West High School Traffic Improvements 13. Memo 1 - Appropriation of State of Alaska Legislative Grant Funds Senate Bill 53 14. Memo 5 - Personnel Report Superintendent's Report 1. Memo 6 - Project Status Report 2. Memo 13 - Adequate Yearly Progress Update FY 2006-2007 3. Memo 14 - Facility Contract Modification and Completed 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 Aug. 15 at 5 p.m., Aug. 16 at 12:30 p.m., Aug. 18 at 12:30 p.m. and Aug. 19 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 August 27, 2007 4:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd, Conference Room 150

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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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