

Anchorage School District

Monthly Update

Thank you voters and taxpayers for supporting quality schools by passing Propositions 2 and 3.

Calendar

- **April 19** – Kids Day, Egan Center
- **Band, choir and orchestra events:**
 - Bartlett-area Band Festival, April 14
 - South-area Band Festival, April 15
 - West-area Orchestra Festival, April 15
 - East-area Band Festival, April 16
 - North-area Choir Festival, April 17
 - High School Music Festival, April 21-24, West High
 - Bartlett-area Choir Festival, May 1
- **May 10** Super Sweepers and Citywide Cleanup

Announcements

Alaska Native charter school

www.asdk12.org/schools/anccs/pages

The Alaska Native Cultural Charter School will open in August 2008. The school is open to students in kindergarten through sixth grade and offers a curriculum focused on Alaska Native cultures and lifestyles including elders, native languages, and many cultural activities. For more information, contact Sheila Sweetsir at 229-8798 or Martha Gould-Lehe, 338-4469.

Summer school 2008

www.asdk12.org/summer

Summer school is an excellent opportunity for any student who needs to work on grade improvement, get remediation, participate in enrichment courses and/or take required courses over the summer to free up scheduling in the fall.

Dates for elementary and middle school summer school classes are June 9 – July 18, with high school dates set for June 11 – July 18. The Indian Education Enrichment Program takes place June 16 – July 11. There will be no school on Friday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday. Registration dates and further details can be found on the Web page listed above.

Climate and Connectedness Survey

www.asdk12.org

Please comment on the climate of your child's school by completing the Climate and Connectedness Survey online.

Citywide Cleanup Super Sweepers

www.anchoragechamber.org/cms/Default.asp?Page=68

ASD and the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce coordinate the Citywide Cleanup Super Sweepers program, which brings out hundreds of student volunteers who clean up school grounds and their neighborhoods on Saturday, May 10. Program participation is a great way to teach kids the importance of not littering and it's also a lot of fun. Families are welcome to join in this year. Check in with your school to find out more.

Graduation schedules are online

www.asdk12.org/Parents/graduation.asp

Back-to-school registration in August

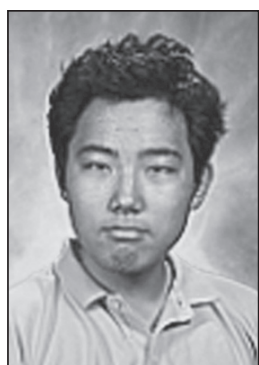
www.asdk12.org/BacktoSchool

Classes begin for the 2008-2009 school year on Wednesday, August 20, 2008. Registration/enrollment for all levels will be held August 4-7.

Point of Pride

Congratulations go to **Jae Chung**, a senior at **Dimond High School** for winning the **Seimens State Award for Advanced Placement**. Jae was one of two students in the state who earned a \$2,000 scholarship awarded by the Seimens Foundation, a national leader in math and science education.

Jae was named a state winner for earning the highest number of 5's on his AP courses, in subjects like mathematics and science. The grade of 5 is the highest score a student can achieve in an AP course. Students must obtain a grade of 5 on at least two of these exams to qualify for the Seimens award.



A Word from Carol Comeau, Superintendent

I owe a debt of gratitude to citizens and our state and local elected officials. This month many demonstrated their commitment to students and public education.

The Alaska Legislature and Governor Palin approved historic changes to the way schools are funded in our state. Funding for education came early this year and lawmakers addressed important issues such as funding for students with intensive needs, offsetting skyrocketing retirement costs and accommodating the high cost of operating schools in rural Alaska. Lawmakers who participated in the Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force, led by Rep. Mike Hawker, spent last summer crafting the recommendations that eventually became law. The transparent and collaborative process used by the task force is truly a model for tackling challenging statewide issues.

Local support for education is also very strong. At the end of March, Anchorage Assembly members scrutinized our budget and published an informative report before unanimously approving the district's financial plan for 2008-2009. I appreciate the open dialogue with the Assembly and the members' willingness to learn more about our programs.

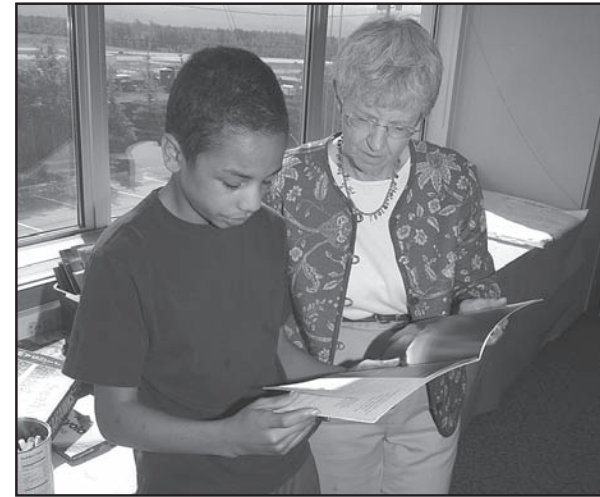
At the polls, local voters approved two bond propositions that will fund renovations at Chester Valley and Sand Lake elementary schools, a master plan for Girdwood K-8 School and major improvements at several other facilities. Community support for school bond propositions for the last two years is a testament to how much our community cares about the safety of students and the quality of our instructional programs. I am grateful to voters and taxpayers for the support; it makes a difference for our students.

I commend all of the candidates for the Anchorage School Board. An unprecedented number of citizens stepped forward, willing to commit their time, energy and ideas to making our schools better for all students. I listened carefully to the issues and concerns presented at candidate forums and will focus attention on the priorities expressed. We'll continue increasing the graduation rate, decreasing the dropout rate, expanding workforce development offerings and increasing opportunities for all students. Congratulations to both John Steiner and Pat Higgins on their successful races. I thank outgoing board member Mary Marks for her six years of service to our students and families.

As we race toward the end of another successful school year, I encourage you to share in our students' success. This spring schools will highlight student talent in the arts, music, drama and academics. Many events and honor ceremonies are free to parents and the public and well worth the time. Please join us!

Most sincerely,

Carol Comeau



Meetings of the Anchorage School Board

agendas current as of 4/11/08

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

SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA	April 14, 2008	4:30 p.m.	5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Boardroom
<i>Call To Order, Roll Call</i> – Tim Steele, Presiding <i>School Board Comments</i> <i>Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)</i>	1. Uncontested Student Hearings 2. HSGQE Waivers 3. Finance: Potential Site Selection		<i>Superintendent's Update</i> <i>Adjournment</i>
REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA	April 14, 2008	6:30 p.m.	5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Boardroom
<i>Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute</i> Tim Steele, Presiding <i>Approval Of Agenda</i> <i>Announcements</i> <i>Awards/Recognitions/Presentations</i>	7. Memo 243 - Prior Approval of Grant Award: Alaska State School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing 8. Memo 244 - Prior Approval of Grant Award: Title VI-B Individuals with Disabilities Education Entitlement and Pre-School Disabled Incentive 9. Memo 263 - Acceptance of Grant Award: Fred Meyer Stores 10. Memo 269 - Acceptance of Grant Award: Title IID Enhancing Education Through Technology (E2T2) 11. Memo 273 - Acceptance of Grant Award: South Anchorage High School, Partners in Science 12. Memo 247 - Prior Approval: Indian Education Continuation Grant Application for 2008-2009 13. Memo 240 - Acceptance of Grant Award: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority in Support of Health Career Pathways 14. Memo 268 - Acceptance of Grant Award: Airborne Teacher Trust Fund Grant to Mt. Iliamna Elementary School 15. Memo 178 - Award of Contract: Student Records Scanning Services 16. Memo 241 - Award of Contract: Playground Shredded Rubber Fill 17. Memo 256 - Award of Contract: West High School HVAC Upgrade 18. Memo 260 - Award of Contract: Dimond High School Corridor Wall Hardening 19. Memo 261 - Award of Contract: Dimond High School Gym Mansard Renovation 20. Memo 271 - Recommendation for Sand Lake Elementary School Renewal Construction Delivery Method		21. Memo 236 - Personnel Report 22. Request for Reconsideration of Memo 233 and Memo 234 23. Memo 233 - Award of Contract: Multi-School CCTV Installation & Security System Upgrades (tentative pending results of vote for reconsideration) 24. Memo 234 - Professional Services Selection for CCTV & Security Systems Upgrades Construction Administration (tentative pending results of vote for reconsideration) <i>Superintendent's Report</i> 1. Memo 237 - Project Status Report 2. Memo 239 - Monthly Update Student Information System - Zangle 3. Memo 245 - Assessment Calendar for 2008-2009 School Year 4. Memo 251 - Third Quarter Suspension/Weapons/Expulsion Report 2007-2008 5. Memo 242 - Third Quarter End-of-Month Membership Summary – March 31, 2008 <i>Persons To Be Heard On Non-agenda Items</i> <i>Communications & School Board Comments</i> <i>Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)</i> <i>Adjournment</i> <i>Persons wishing to be heard may call 742-4315 or sign up prior to the meeting being called to order.</i>
<i>Special Advisory Reports</i> 1. Student Advisory Board 2. Military Delegate 3. M.E.C.A.C. <i>Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items (30-minute time limit)</i> <i>Consent Agenda</i> 1. Approval of Minutes a. Regular Meeting - January 14, 2008 b. Special Meeting - March 24, 2008 2. Memo 277 - Adoption of Tentative Agreement: Public Employees Local 71 (AFL-CIO) Representing Custodians and Building Plant Operators, 2008-2011 3. Memo 238 - Resolution Supporting Administrative Professionals Day, April 23, 2008 4. Memo 275 - Resolution Supporting the Adoption of the National Incident Management System 5. Memo 279 - Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Project Lead the Way, Incorporated 6. Memo 264 - Appointment of Additional Minority Education Concerns Advisory Committee Members			

The meeting will be aired live on cable channel 14 and will be rebroadcast April 16 at 5 p.m., April 17 at 12:30 p.m., April 19 at 12:30 p.m. and April 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. Meeting podcasts are available at www.asdk12.org.

SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA	April 19, 2008	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Conference Room 150
<i>Call To Order, Roll Call</i> – Tim Steele, Presiding <i>School Board Comments</i> <i>Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)</i>	Discussion 1. Planning <i>Superintendent's Update</i>		<i>Adjournment</i>

SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA	April 21, 2008	5:00 p.m.	5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Boardroom
<i>Call To Order, Roll Call</i> – Tim Steele, Presiding <i>Presentation</i> 1. Tyson Elementary School Peace Choir, directed by Carrie Roseberg and Thelma Ridges <i>Announcements</i>	<i>Adjournment Of 2007-2008 – Sine Die</i> <i>Oath Of Office Of New School Board Members</i> <i>Organization Of 2008-2009 School Board</i> Superintendent Carol Comeau will preside as temporary chair until a new president is elected.		1. President 2. Vice President 3. Clerk 4. Treasurer <i>Communications & School Board Comments</i> <i>Adjournment</i>

SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA	April 28, 2008	4:30 p.m.	5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Conference Room 150
<i>Call To Order, Roll Call</i> – President, Presiding <i>School Board Comments</i> <i>Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)</i>	1. Uncontested Student Hearings 2. HSGQE Waivers 3. Negotiations		<i>Superintendent's Update</i> <i>Adjournment</i>

REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA	April 28, 2008	6:30 p.m.	5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Boardroom
<i>Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute</i> President, Presiding <i>Approval Of Agenda</i> <i>Announcements</i> <i>Awards/Recognitions/Presentations</i>	Day, May 6, 2008 3. Memo 255 - Renewal of District Health Insurance Contracts 4. Memo 278 - Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Four Valleys Community Schools, Incorporated 5. Memo 210 - Award of Contract: Enterprise Applicant Tracking and Hiring System 6. Memo 258 - Award of Contract: Rogers Park Elementary School Traffic Safety Upgrades 7. Memo 259 - Award of Contract: Whaley Center Floor Covering Replacement 8. Memo 265 - Award of Contract: Klatt Elementary School Fire Detection and Alarm Replacement 9. Memo 266 - Award of Contract: Northwood Elementary School Fire Alarm & CATV Upgrade 10. Memo 257 - Award of Contract: North Star Elementary School Intercom System Replacement 11. Memo 274 - Recommendation for Job Order Contracting Delivery Method 12. Memo 280 - Recommendation of Fees for Rentals of Artificial Turf Fields 13. Memo 248 - Personnel Report		<i>Superintendent's Report</i> 1. Memo 246 - Project Status Report 2. Memo 249 - Facility Contract Modification Report and Complete Projects for the Month of March 2008 3. Memo 250 - Conflict of Interest – Third Quarter Report FY 2007-2008 4. Memo 252 - Out-of-District Travel – Third Quarter Report FY 2007-2008 5. Memo 253 - Operating Budget Transfers – March Monthly Report FY 2007-2008 6. Memo 254 - Treasurer's Report/Financial Recap March 31, 2008 <i>Persons To Be Heard On Non-agenda Items</i> <i>Communications & School Board Comments</i> <i>Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)</i> <i>Adjournment</i> <i>Persons wishing to be heard may call 742-4315 or sign up prior to the meeting being called to order.</i>

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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 noon at 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Board Conference Room.

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