



Anchorage School District

Monthly Update

Calendar

Sept. 1-30 – Mayor's Diversity Month, embracing, educating and celebrating Anchorage's diversity.

www.muni.org/diversity

Sept. 17 – Constitution Day. See below for more information.

Oct. 14-16 - State assigned testing days.

Oct. 17 - End of first quarter. In-service day, no school for students.

Oct. 29-30 - Parent conference days. School schedules and student-release times vary. Check with your school for specific schedule.

Oct. 31 – In-service day, no school for students.

Announcements

Free tutoring available

www.asdk12.org/NCLB

Students may receive free academic help if they qualify for free/reduced-price lunch and attend a Title I school that has not made Adequate Yearly Progress for two or more years. Free tutoring is available as a requirement of No Child Left Behind. Parents of children who qualify are able to select a program that best fits their child's needs from a list of state-approved providers. The application to receive Supplemental Educational Services is due by September 12. More information is available online or by calling 742-4206.

Student enrollment

www.asdk12.org/School_Board/Calendar

Projecting the number of students who will attend ASD schools each year is a complicated task. Several factors affect the estimation such as the economy, transiency rates, new schools, recent birth rates, grade-to-grade progression and military assignments. ASD's Demographics Department takes those elements into account and has been able to predict enrollment within 1.5 percent over the last four years. So far this year, ASD has exceeded its districtwide enrollment expectations with more than 48,100 students in classes this year. The 2008-09 projection was 47,944. The additional number of students has led to some overcrowded classrooms. At its meeting Monday night, the Anchorage School Board will review a proposal to hire additional teachers to meet the need. More information about the meeting and agenda item is available online or by calling 742-4315.

Constitution Day

www.asdk12.org/depts/socialstudies

September 17 is Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, an American federal holiday that recognizes the ratification of the United States Constitution and all U.S. citizens. Constitution Day is observed on September 17, the day the U.S. Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution in 1787. Various activities and lesson plans will be taught to ASD students in grades K-12. Speak with your child's school for more information on Constitution Day.

Get involved in ASD decision-making

www.asdk12.org

ASD's Minority Education Concerns Advisory Committee is looking for community members and the Native Advisory Committee is looking for a student representative.

The role of MECAC is to advise the Anchorage School Board on issues relating to minority students and their families. MECAC works to ensure equity for all students. The committee meets 4:30-6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. For more information on becoming a MECAC member, call 742-4321.

The role of NAC is to set the direction and focus for the Title VII Indian Education Department within the ASD. Students on the committee have a voice, a vote and can earn 0.5 high school community service credit. More information and an application may be obtained by calling 742-4445.

Point of Pride

ASD employees give back to the community

During the month of October, ASD employees have the opportunity to participate in the Charitable Giving Campaign. The program, led by the United Way and Alaska Community Share, encourages employees to make donations that will be distributed among more than 80 community organizations, which will directly benefit many students' families. Last year, through payroll giving, silent auctions, potluck luncheons and other events, ASD employees generously collected and donated more than \$328,000 to the campaign.

A Word from Carol Comeau, Superintendent

Twelve days of school are officially over, but the enthusiasm of a new school year and a new beginning lingers. We're off to a wonderful start. The excitement of learning is contagious and I'm optimistic this school year will build on the successes of previous years. ASD staff deserves credit for the hard work put in each and every day, whether it's through direct instruction in the classroom, transporting our students safely to school, making sure our buildings are comfortable temperatures, or numerous other duties. They take their jobs seriously, look forward to each day and truly strive to meet the district's mission of educating all students for success in life.

This year, in addition to our established and outstanding neighborhood schools and specialized programs, we welcome the Alaska Native Cultural Charter School, the Mandarin Chinese program at Scenic Park Elementary School, high school graduation support coaches and 25 additional elementary physical education-health teachers to our district.

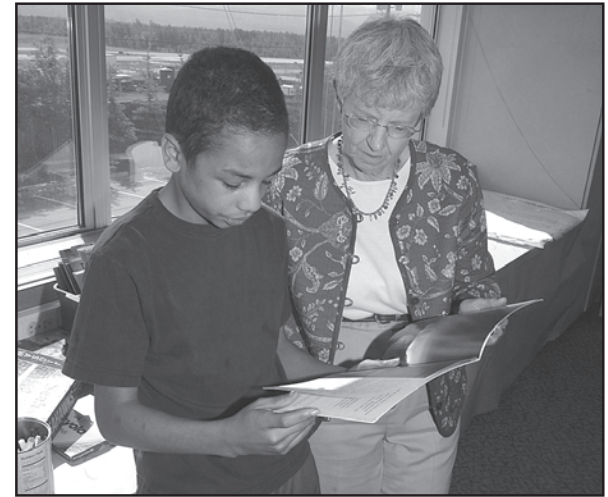
The upcoming election has energized everyone in the community, including our students and staff. The presidential election has put Alaska on the map in a way we've never been before. Our teachers are excited and our students are engaged in learning about the political cycle. More students are interested in civics than ever before. From the president and vice-president to the U.S. Senate and House, to state legislative seats and possibly even the mayor, there's much to review and get first-hand experiences.

As we approach the seventh anniversary of September 11, 2001, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our military families and servicemen and women for their commitment to this country. The military is a big part of the Anchorage community and I value the relationship the district has with the personnel at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Ft. Richardson and Kulis Air National Guard Base.

This is sure to be an exciting year and I look forward to the many successes of students and staff.

Most sincerely,

Carol Comeau



Meetings of the Anchorage School Board

agendas current as of 9/4/08

MEETINGS ARE BROADCAST LIVE ON CABLE CHANNEL 14; SEE REBROADCAST SCHEDULE BELOW
SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA September 8, 2008 4:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Conference Room 150

Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute
Jeff Friedman, Presiding
Special Presentation

1. Uncontested Student Hearings
School Board Comments
Superintendent's Update

Adjournment

REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA September 8, 2008 6:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Board Room

Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute
Jeff Friedman, Presiding
Approval Of Agenda
Awards/Recognitions/Presentations

1. **Memo 63** - Recognition of Amy Goodman as National Teaching Ambassador Fellow

Announcements

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 - April 14, 2008
b. Special Meeting - August 11, 2008
c. Regular Meeting - August 11, 2008
d. Special Meeting - August 25, 2008
2. **Memo 49** - Resolution in Support of Mayor's Diversity Month, September 1-30, 2008
3. **Memo 71** - Request for Additional Staffing for Enrollment and Program Need

4. **Memo 20** - Adoption of School Board Goals
5. **Memo 75** - School Board Approval for Employment of Board Member's Immediate Family Member
6. **Memo 73** - School Board Policy Revision: Section 833 Donations (First Reading)
7. **Memo 74** - School Board Policy Addition and Revisions: Section 900 Ethics (First Reading)
8. **Memo 67** - Acceptance of Contract: Alaska General Contractors for Anchorage Construction Academy
9. **Memo 50** - Approval of School Board and Superintendent Out-of-State Travel for Second Quarter 2008-2009
10. **Memo 59** - Acceptance of Grant Award: McLaughlin Cultural Collaboration Grant
11. **Memo 60** - Acceptance of Grant Award: AASB-CDL High Access Device Project
12. **Memo 58** - Award of Contract: Frozen Food Products
13. **Memo 61** - Professional Services Selection for West High & Romig Middle Schools Renewal - Project/ Program Management Services

14. **Memo 46** - Personnel Report
Superintendent's Report
1. **Memo 47** - Project Status Report
2. **Memo 51** - Monthly Update Student Information System - Zangle
3. **Memo 48** - First Two Weeks of School Enrollment Update, FY 2008-2009
4. **Memo 31** - Annual Review/End-of-Year Report for FY 2007-2008 Highland Tech High Charter School
5. **Memo 32** - Annual Review/End-of-Year Report for FY 2007-2008 Rilke Schule German School of Arts and Sciences Charter School
6. **Memo 33** - Annual Review/End-of-Year Report for FY 2007-2008 Winterberry Charter School
7. **Memo 34** - Update on Alaska Native Cultural Charter School

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 Sept. 10 at 5 p.m., Sept. 11 at 12:30 p.m., Sept. 13 at 12:30 p.m. and Sept. 14 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 September 22, 2008 4:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Room 007

Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute
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Special Presentation

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School Board Comments
Superintendent's Update

Adjournment

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Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute
Jeff Friedman, Presiding
Approval Of Agenda
Awards/Recognitions/Presentations

1. Chugiak High School Choir, Ron Lange, director
2. **Memo 68** - Recognition of Region IV Principal of the Year, Michael Perkins
3. **Memo 70** - Recognition for 2008 H.U.G.S.S. and Coats for Kids
4. Project Iceberg: Antarctic Geoscience in the Anchorage School District

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

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Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
a. Regular Meeting - April 28, 2008
b. Regular Meeting - May 5, 2008
c. Regular Meeting - May 29, 2008

d. Regular Meeting - August 25, 2008
c. Special Meeting - September 8, 2008
2. **Memo 65** - Adoption of AASB Resolutions
3. **Memo 66** - Nomination for AASB Board of Directors
4. **Memo 73** - School Board Policy Revision: Section 833 Donations (Second Reading)
5. **Memo 74** - School Board Policy Addition and Revisions: Section 900 Ethics (Second Reading)
6. **Memo 53** - Award of Contract: 403(b) and 457(b) Plan Vendor and Service Provider
7. **Memo 62** - Professional Services Selection for West High & Romig Middle Schools Renewal - Master Planning Services
8. **Memo 69** - Professional Services Selection for Artificial Turf Design - Service and South High Schools
9. **Memo 76** - Approval of Revised Schematic Design for Chester Valley Elementary School Renewal
10. **Memo 64** - Personnel Report

Superintendent's Report
1. **Memo 54** - Project Status Report
2. **Memo 55** - School Business Partnership Report.

2007-2008
3. **Memo 57** - Substitute Status Report for 2007-2008
4. **Memo 72** - Standards Based Report Card Update
5. **Memo 56** - Summer School Update
6. **Memo 52** - Facility Contract Modification Report and Completed Projects for the Month of August 2008

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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 on Aug. 28 and the third Thursday of every subsequent month at 4:30 p.m. at 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Board Conference Room.

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