

# Monthly Update



## Anchorage School District

### Calendar

**June 8-10** – Summer school begins

[www.asdk12.org/summer](http://www.asdk12.org/summer)

**June 29-July 3** – ASD administrative offices closed

**July 3** – Independence Day holiday, no summer school

**July 15-17** – Summer school ends

**July 31** – Clark Middle School dedication, see below for more information

**August 3** – Registration begins for 2009-10

**August 19** – First day of school for grades 2-12

**August 25** – First day of school for grades K-1

### Announcements

#### Stimulus funds spending

[www.asdk12.org/recovery](http://www.asdk12.org/recovery)

Nearly \$60 million in education stimulus funds are available to ASD in two main categories, Formula Grants and State Fiscal Stabilization Funds. Each category has its own set of federal requirements on how the money shall be used over the next two years.

The district is slated to receive approximately \$25 million in Formula Grants. The money available from these grants has stringent requirements and may only be allocated for specific programs, including Title I, IDEA and Title II, educational technology.

The district also expects to receive \$34.7 million from SFSF and would like parent, student, staff and community ideas and input on how to spend these funds. Requirements for use of these stabilization funds are more lenient but must still be spent on activities authorized by:

- Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965,
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act,
- Adult and Family Literacy Act,
- Carl Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006,
- Or for modernization, renovation, repair or construction of public school facilities.

Input may be made online or by calling 742-4312. All suggestions are due by June 12. ASD administration will submit a proposal to the Anchorage School Board on how best to spend the education stimulus funds in late June.

#### Parent access to student information

[www.asdk12.org/parents/zangle](http://www.asdk12.org/parents/zangle)

The district will implement Zangle, a new student information system, for the upcoming school year. The computer-driven system will house virtually all student information, from vaccinations to transcripts, in one unified database. Beginning in 2009-10, parents will have access to Zangle to view their child's grades and attendance records at their convenience using a secure Internet connection. Parents will also be able to contact teachers and staff directly using e-mail to discuss their child's academics, attendance or other concerns. More features will be added over the next two years that will eventually allow parents to register their students online, check on fines and fees, keep track of attendance and update contact information.

A letter explaining Zangle was recently mailed to all ASD students' homes. Included with that letter was a contact form that parents/guardians must fill out and return to their child's school. The district wants to make sure its schools have current, up-to-date contact information for each student for the 2009-10 school year.

#### Get a free 2009 graduation video

[www.asdk12.org](http://www.asdk12.org)

Students and families can get a free video copy of the 2009 high school graduations. Each comprehensive high school, SAVE, Benson and Highland Tech Charter have their graduation ceremony videos uploaded to a Web site, available at [www.asdk12.org](http://www.asdk12.org). From that site, anyone is able to download and save a copy of the video to their personal computer. The service is offered by AT&T and is only available through the end of June.

#### Clark dedication ceremony

[www.asdk12.org/renewal/MS/clark.asp](http://www.asdk12.org/renewal/MS/clark.asp)

Clark Middle School will host a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 31. All members of the community are invited to attend the ceremony and tour the school. Two years ago, Clark's old building was demolished to make way for a three-story facility that will house students in grades 6-8. The project was made possible by voter-approved bonds, totaling \$65 million, with the majority of construction costs being paid by the state of Alaska. The project is nearly complete and the school is slated to open on time and within budget.

### A Word from Carol Comeau, Superintendent

Thousands of children will enjoy just a few more days of summer before they head back to the classroom for summer school courses. Whether it's for catching up, getting ahead or experiencing hands-on learning at the King Career Center, nearly 4,000 students will begin classes next week. Summer school students and teachers work very hard to make the most of their time together. I'm proud that they've made this commitment to their education and I'm certain they will benefit from it.

In addition to classroom activities, the summer is full of possibilities to keep young minds busy and entertained. I think some of the best free resources available are our public libraries. Families should take children to the library and encourage them to find their own little niche in a corner of the library to let their minds wander into the world of a good book. I can still remember when I got my own library card. It may be a simple card, but it's something that instills pride and excitement about reading in children of all ages.

Sometimes the best lessons are disguised as everyday activities. Encourage children to keep a journal of vacations or just daily activities, so they can look back on how they've spent the summer months. Families can go on their own field trip or adventure to a nearby bike trail to search for particular types of plant life or insects. Children can also measure distance and time while on the excursion. Remember, books are portable, so after a trip to the library, consider heading to a park or other enjoyable setting to delve into the pages of a new escapade.

Parents can get a little help around the house during dinner preparations by coming up with ways to keep minds active. Have children read recipe cards and measure cooking ingredients for meals. This activity helps children practice reading and math skills. Another night, a family could throw a picnic in their own backyard. While packing for the picnic, encourage children to make a list of all of the elements needed for a successful picnic and then have them pack the basket, or bag, based on the weight of each item needed. Older children can also review the density of items, and how food selections fit into the food pyramid and recommended daily allowances.

The opportunities are endless for summer activities, all it takes is a willingness to begin a new adventure.

I'm looking forward to what the next few months have to bring each of us. Life can pass by so quickly, I hope everyone will be able to set aside portions of each week to spend with their loved ones and create a memorable break from the day-to-day routine.

Most sincerely,

*Carol Comeau*



### Meetings of the Anchorage School Board

agendas current as of 6/5/09

**MEETING IS BROADCAST LIVE\* ON CABLE CHANNEL 14; SEE REBROADCAST SCHEDULE BELOW**  
**MEETING — AGENDA June 8, 2009 4:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Conference Room 150**

*Call To Order, Roll Call – John Steiner, Presiding*  
*Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)*

1. Uncontested Student Hearings
2. HSGQE Waivers  
*School Board Comments*

*Superintendent's Update*  
*Adjournment*

**REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA\* June 8, 2009 6:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Boardroom**

*Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute – John Steiner, Presiding*

- Approval Of Agenda*  
*Awards/Recognitions/Presentations*
1. **Memo 367** - Recognition of National PTA Reflections Program Award Winners
  2. **Memo 369** - Recognition of the Spring 2009 Denali Award Recipients
  3. **Memo 371** - Recognition of AT&T Alascom for Online Streaming of Graduation Videos
  4. Presentation on Fort Richardson – Elmendorf Air Force Base Realignment
- 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)*
- Board Committee Reports*  
*Consent Agenda*
  1. Approval of Minutes
    - a. Special Meeting - May 28, 2009
  2. **Memo 325** - Budget Adjustments and Budget Transfers FY 2008-2009 Financial Plan
  3. **Memo 364** - Aquarian Charter School: Rental Fee FY 2009-2010
  4. **Memo 361** - Acceptance of Funds: Beringia Shared Cultural Heritage Program
  5. **Memo 347** - Award of Contract: North Star Elementary School Energy Conservation Measures
  6. **Memo 348** - Award of Contract: East High School

7. **Memo 343** - School Board Policy Revision: Sections 343.3, 343.31, 343.32, 343.33, 343.34, 343.36, 343.38, 343.39, Student Records (Second Reading)
8. **Memo 345** - Personnel Report  
*Superintendent's Report*
1. **Memo 346** - Project Status Report  
*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 June 10 at 5 p.m., June 11 at 12:30 p.m., June 13 at 12:30 p.m. and June 14 at 7:30 a.m.*

**SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA June 13, 2009 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Room 007**

*Call To Order, Roll Call – John Steiner, Presiding*  
*School Board Comments*  
*Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)*

- Litigation*  
*Discussion*
1. Board Planning and Development

*Superintendent's Update*  
*Adjournment*

**WORK SESSION—AGENDA June 15, 2009 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Boardroom**

*Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute – John Steiner, Presiding*  
*Announcements*

- Discussion*
1. Discipline (5 p.m. – 7 p.m.)
  2. Board Work Planning (7 p.m. – 8 p.m.)

*School Board Comments*  
*Adjournment*

**MEETING—AGENDA June 22, 2009 4:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Conference Room 150**

*Call To Order, Roll Call – John Steiner, Presiding*  
*Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)*

1. Uncontested Student Hearings
2. Negotiations Update  
*School Board Comments*

*Superintendent's Update*  
*Adjournment*

**REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA\* June 22, 2009 6:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Boardroom**

*Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute – John Steiner, Presiding*

- Approval Of Agenda*  
*Awards/Recognitions/Presentations*  
*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)*  
*Board Committee Reports*  
*Consent Agenda*
1. Approval of Minutes
    - a. Regular Meeting - April 13, 2009
    - b. Regular Meeting - April 27, 2009
    - c. Regular Meeting - May 4, 2009
    - d. Regular Meeting - May 28, 2009
    - e. Regular Meeting - June 8, 2009
    - f. Special Meeting - June 8, 2009
  2. **Memo 362** - Adoption of Tentative One-Year Extension: Anchorage Principal's Association Agreement
  3. **Memo 370** - Approval of District Application: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

4. **Memo 357** - Budget Revision for FY 2009-2010
5. **Memo 356** - No Child Left Behind Federal Program Consolidated Project Application for 2009-2010
6. **Memo 375** - Acceptance of Grant Award: IDEA Stimulus Funds
7. **Memo 360** - FY 2009-2010 Budget Adjustment for Alaska Native Cultural Charter School
8. **Memo 344** - Award of Contract: West High School Special Education Upgrades
9. **Memo 349** - Award of Contract: Chugiak High School Visitor Bleachers
10. **Memo 365** - Award of Contract: Hanshew Middle School Energy Conservation Measures
11. **Memo 372** - Award of Contract: Bartlett High School HVAC Variable Speed Drive
12. **Memo 373** - Award of Contract: Goldenview Middle School Interactive White Boards, Intercom, Power and Data Upgrades
13. **Memo 376** - Extension of Lease for Crossroads Program
14. **Memo 374** - Sale of Surplus Property
15. **Memo 351** - Personnel Report  
*Superintendent's Report*
  1. **Memo 352** - Project Status Report
  2. **Memo 358** - Monthly Update Student Information System - Zangle

3. **Memo 354** - End of the Year Membership Summary for 2008-2009
4. **Memo 355** - Facility Contract Modification Report and Completed Projects for the Month of May 2009
5. **Memo 350** - Operating Budget Transfers – May Monthly Report FY 2008-2009
6. **Memo 353** - Treasurer's Report/Financial Recap: May 31, 2009  
*Persons To Be Heard On Non-agenda Items*  
*Communications & School Board Comments*  
*Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)*  
*Adjournment*

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\* The meetings will be closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. The agendas are 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](http://www.asdk12.org).

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**MECAC:** The mission of the Multicultural 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 the third Thursday of every month at 4:30 p.m. at 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Conference Room 150.

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