

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #333 (2006-2007)

June 25, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: END-OF-THE-YEAR MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY FOR 2006-07

ASD GOAL: Ensure public accountability through effective communication with students, staff, parents, community and government at all levels.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The total active enrollment at the end of the 2006-07 school year was 47,783. This enrollment represents a decrease of 1,285 students when compared to September 29, 2006. Table 1 compares the beginning and ending membership totals for the year. For the same time period for the 2005-06 school year, membership declined by 1,247.

TABLE 1
Comparison of Beginning and Ending 2006-07 Membership
9/29/2006 and 5/24/2007

Category	9/29/2006	5/24/2007	Difference
Elementary Schools			
Kindergarten	3,680	3,645	-35
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Grades 1-8	21,451	21,306	-145
Middle Schools	7,080	6,958	-122
Senior High Schools	13,540	12,307	-1,233
Other Secondary			
Schools and Programs	2,024	2,043	19
Pre-Elementary, Level 3 Spec. Ed., and Special Services	1,293	1,524	231
Total	49,068	47,783	-1,285

Attachment A provides enrollment detail for May 24, 2007 by school. Table 2 shows the change in membership, by grade level, from September 30th to the end of the school year for 2005-06 and 2006-07.

TABLE 2
Comparison of September 30 to End-of-the-Year Membership

Grade Level	2005-06			2006-07		
	9/30/2005	6/9/2006	Change	9/29/2006	5/24/2007	Change
Kindergarten	3,674	3,634	-40	3,680	3,645	-35
Grade 1	3,724	3,689	-35	3,639	3,593	-46
Grade 2	3,557	3,552	-5	3,726	3,702	-24
Grade 3	3,573	3,530	-43	3,537	3,497	-40
Grade 4	3,531	3,499	-32	3,549	3,534	-15
Grade 5	3,661	3,612	-49	3,490	3,493	3
Grade 6	3,740	3,711	-29	3,584	3,560	-24
Grade 7	3,858	3,768	-90	3,744	3,684	-60
Grade 8	3,948	3,844	-104	3,788	3,716	-72
Grade 9	3,876	3,751	-125	3,861	3,759	-102
Grade 10	3,961	3,749	-212	3,812	3,556	-256
Grade 11	3,554	3,271	-283	3,756	3,455	-301
Grade 12	3,728	3,265	-463	3,609	3,065	-544
Sp. Services	1,204	1,467	263	1,293	1,524	231
Total	49,589	48,342	-1,247	49,068	47,783	-1,285

The end of year membership report, Attachment A, shows the 2006-07 program capacity for each school. Attachment B lists four schools at, or exceeding, 120 percent of program capacity at the end of the year. Of the four schools, Tudor Elementary and the two middle schools have undergone, or will undergo, changes to reduce their overcrowding.

This year, Tudor Elementary experienced a boundary change with Lake Otis and College Gate elementary schools which is projected to reduce its percent of program capacity to 94% next school year. Last school year, the boundaries for middle schools were changed to allow for the inclusion of the new Begich Middle School, to make adjustments in boundaries that reflect high school attendance areas, and to relieve overcrowding. The changes will go into effect in the 2007-08 school year. As a result of those changes, Mears Middle School's percent of program capacity is projected to reduce to 115%.

In addition, voters approved a bond package this year which included new construction for Clark Middle School. The new school is expected to come on-line in the 2009-10 school year. To expedite construction, Clark Middle School will close for the 2007-08 school year and its students distributed to Begich, Central, Romig, and Wendler middle schools. This distribution will result in some temporary crowding in these schools.

Attachment C contains the comparison of the EED capacity and the 2006-07 program capacity. Attachments D1-D6 contain maps showing the percent of program capacity, by attendance area, at the end of the year.

Attachments

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