

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #324 (2008-2009)

June 23, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: END-OF-YEAR MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY, MAY 22, 2008

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 2007-08 school year was 47,606. This enrollment represents a decrease of 851 students when compared to the September 28, 2007 total of 48,457. The membership totals are compared in Table 1. For the same time period for the 2006-07 school year, membership declined by 1,285.

**TABLE 1**  
**Comparison of Beginning and Ending 2007-08 Membership**  
**9/28/2007 and 5/22/2008**

<u>Category</u>	<u>9/28/2007</u>	<u>5/22/2008</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Elementary Schools Kindergarten	3,608	3,625	17
Elementary Schools Grades 1-8	20,815	20,886	71
Middle Schools	7,202	7,111	-91
Senior High Schools	13,354	12,379	-975
Other Secondary Schools and Programs	2,138	2,035	-103

Pre-Elementary, Level 3 Spec. Ed., and Special Services	1,340	1,570	230
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,457</b>	<b>47,606</b>	<b>-851</b>

Attachment A provides enrollment detail for May 22, 2008 by school. Table 2 shows the change in membership, by grade level, from end of September to the end of the school year for 2006-07 and 2007-08.

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

Grade Level	2006-07			2007-08		
	9/29/2006	5/24/2007	Change	9/28/2007	5/22/2008	Change
Kindergarten	3,680	3,645	-35	3,608	3,625	17
Grade 1	3,639	3,593	-46	3,568	3,608	40
Grade 2	3,726	3,702	-24	3,581	3,586	5
Grade 3	3,537	3,497	-40	3,649	3,663	14
Grade 4	3,549	3,534	-15	3,427	3,441	14
Grade 5	3,490	3,493	3	3,514	3,486	-28
Grade 6	3,584	3,560	-24	3,463	3,494	31
Grade 7	3,744	3,684	-60	3,604	3,560	-44
Grade 8	3,788	3,716	-72	3,698	3,662	-36
Grade 9	3,861	3,759	-102	3,755	3,612	-143
Grade 10	3,812	3,556	-256	3,841	3,594	-247
Grade 11	3,756	3,455	-301	3,635	3,390	-245
Grade 12	3,609	3,065	-544	3,774	3,315	-459
Sp. Services	1,293	1,524	231	1,340	1,570	230
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,068</b>	<b>47,783</b>	<b>-1,285</b>	<b>48,457</b>	<b>47,606</b>	<b>-851</b>

The end of year membership report, Attachment A, shows the program capacity for each school. Attachment B lists two schools at, or exceeding, 120 percent of program capacity at the end of the year. The two schools listed, Sand Lake Elementary and Mears Middle schools have undergone, or will undergo, changes to reduce their overcrowding.

This year voters approved a bond package which included renovation funding for Sand Lake Elementary. Conceptual design efforts on this project are currently exploring the feasibility of adding up to 7 classrooms to the school. The school is currently using 5 portables to increase space.

In the 2005-06 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 boundary changes went into effect this school year. As a result of the changes, Mears Middle School's percent of program capacity was projected to reduce to 115%--down from 138%. Boundary change policy allows students in the highest grade level (8<sup>th</sup> grade for Mears) to remain at the school, if they provide their own transportation. More 8<sup>th</sup> graders than expected remained at the school this year. It is projected the school will be at 119% of program capacity for 2008-09 school year.

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

Attachments

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