

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #93 (2005-2006)

October 24, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MECC NAME CHANGE

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

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board review and approve the Minority Education Concerns Committee's name change from Minority Education Concerns Committee to Minority Education Concerns Advisory Committee.

PERTINENT FACTS:

In response to complaints and concerns expressed by community members, the School Board established an advisory committee on minority education at its regular meeting of February 19, 1974. The Minority Educational Concerns Committee was an ad hoc group composed primarily of minority community members and District staff that focused its attention on the problems of minority students and questions of minority hire. Resulting from the Minority Educational Concerns Committee's efforts, the Citizens' Advisory Education Concerns Committee was created in late 1975; it was assigned a broader scope of activity; and membership composition was prescribed in a different manner. (ASD Memorandum #153 (1982-1983) dated September 27, 1982.)

After almost 30 years in existence, the Minority Education Concerns Committee members agreed to change the group's name. The members formally discussed the name change at a series of their monthly meetings, and informally discussed the change with District and community members. At the May 19, 2005, business meeting, the Committee voted to add the word Advisory to the group's name in order to more appropriately reflect the committee's purpose.

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