

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

MEMORANDUM #338 (2005-2006)

June 26, 2006

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: REPORT ON VENDING MACHINES

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and caring learning environment by promoting health and wellness. Ensure public accountability through effective consultation with community to ensure wise use of financial resources and responsible construction and maintenance of facilities, and effective communication with students, staff, parents, community and government at all levels.

PERTINENT FACTS

The District held a meeting regarding the healthy choices and the potential changes to our current vending contract structure with the contractors that currently provide vending services to the middle and high schools. During the meeting, discussion was centered on the healthy choice options for snacks and beverages; change in district vending products; as well as other entities that offer food and beverages, such as parent teacher association groups, student stores and fundraising activities. All vendors were provided with a list of the items that we know meet both the federal requirements and those recommended by the District's Wellness Committee. Vendors were asked to review the list and respond back with the items that they would be able to provide in the vending machines. Additionally, the vendors were asked to provide information they believe would be beneficial to the District in the vending contracts. Copies of the draft Wellness Committee Report; the Mayor's Obesity Task Force Report, as well as the vending contract status reports were provided to them via email at their request.

The current vendors have identified healthy choices that can be provided in the vending machines. A listing of those items is included as Attachment A. Vend Alaska has identified the available items with an asterisk and Aurora Vending has marked out those that are not available to them for the machines. The following beverages are approved by vendor:

Pepsi

Aquafina
Aquafina Splash flavored water
Propel
Gatorade
Dole 100% juice

Aurora Vending (Coke)

CD Club Soda
CD Tonic Water
Powerade
Sunny Delight
Minute Maid 100% Juices
Dasani Water
Perrier

All snacks and beverages that will be sold in the vending machines will be healthy choices in all schools and administrative facilities throughout the District. This will include teacher lounges as well as office lounges and break rooms. Some schools will have timers on their machines, which will allow them to be in compliance with the school lunch programs and educational programs.

All food and beverage fundraising activities at school will be healthy choices during the school day starting at 6 a.m. and ending one-half hour after the school day. This will include all related activities of the parent teacher association groups, school stores, as well as any fundraising.

Special events such as cultural celebrations and other events tied to the curriculum may be conducted as an exception if approved by the building principal.

School Board Policy 765 (see attachment B, paragraph a(1)(4)) will need to be revised.

All principals, directors and building administrators have been informed about the new wellness guidelines and requirements.

Attachments

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