

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #3 (2007-2008)

August 27, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD POLICY REVISION: SECTION 333.10
REVIEW OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL (SECOND READING)

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 approve on Second Reading the attached proposed revision to School Board Policy 333.10, Review of the Charter School.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Existing Board policy calls for charter schools to present their annual report on the charter school's accomplishments and financial status no later than June 30 each year.

This deadline has become problematic for our charter schools due to the fact that state assessment results aren't available for analysis until the very end of the school year and AYP results are not available until August.

The proposed change calls for charter schools to present their annual report no later than September 15 each year for the previous school year.

At its June 27 meeting, the Policy Subcommittee unanimously voted to move this proposed revision forward to the full Board for consideration. The full School Board unanimously passed the proposed changes on First Reading at their meeting on August 13, 2007.

CC/RG

Attachment

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333.10 Review of the Charter School

The charter school will be subject to review of its operations and finances by the School Board. Annually, the Academic Policy Committee will submit a concise written report and make a presentation to the School Board and the public no later than September 15 of each school year. This report will include, but is not limited to:

- a. information on the attainment of student performance expectations, including copies of the Terra Nova and Benchmark reports;
- b. recommendations for remediation of poor student performance;
- c. school goal attainment;
- d. trends in student/staff enrollment and mobility;
- e. an end of year preliminary financial statement showing revenues and expenditures;
- f. minutes of the meetings of the governing body of the charter school;
- g. descriptions of charter school activities;
- h. copies of any leases signed by the charter school;
- i. current bylaws of the Academic Policy Committee;
- j. notification of establishment of non-profit 501(c)(3) status;
- k. list of officers in any PTA/PTO or other parent organization;
- l. any changes in facility location;
- m. any major changes planned for the following school year;
- n. a list of the Academic Policy Committee for the past and coming school year, including officers, and staff members by position;
- o. a list of employees and job titles; and
- p. other information requested by the School Board.

If there is evidence of a breach of contract, then the School Board, through the Superintendent or designee, shall have a right to investigate this breach of contract and meet with the charter school to discuss possible remedies and/or possible termination of the contract.