

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #83 (2007-2008)

October 8, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD POLICY REVISION: SECTION 332.3(d)
TIME PERIOD FOR LOTTERIES (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 revision of School Board Policy 332.3(d) Time Period for Lotteries as shown in Attachment A.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Through the years, there has been much confusion by parents and others as to the exact date of the lottery draw. In an attempt to clarify the language, the School Board voted on Second Reading at the January 9, 2006, meeting to set specific dates (March 15 and August 15) on which to hold the lotteries.

However, in the 2007-2008 school year, spring break has been moved to March 10 through March 14, which makes it impossible to have the lottery draw on March 15. The Policy sub-committee discussed the issue at their September 19, 2007 meeting. In anticipation of such future conflicts, the committee voted unanimously to bring forward the attached proposal recommending that the superintendent set the lottery dates each year. The recommended change is to better communicate the selected lottery date to staff and to the public.

The full school board passed the proposed changes on First Reading at their September 24, 2007 meeting.

CC/RG

Attachment

Prepared and approved by: Rhonda Gardner, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

d. Time Period for Lotteries

The administrator of the school/program will conduct two (2) lotteries annually for all schools if the applications received to attend any school or program exceed the available openings at that school or program.

(1) Schedule for Lotteries

No later than five months prior to each of the March and August lotteries, the superintendent will establish the date of the lottery and deadline for application and will ensure these dates are published.

- a) The March lottery will be held during the last two weeks of March.
- b) The August lottery will be held during the first two weeks of August.
- c) Additional lotteries may be held if needed.