

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #80 (2007-2008)

October 8, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: MONTHLY UPDATE STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM-
ZANGLE

ASD Goal: Ensure public accountability through effective consultation with the community to ensure wise use of financial resources and effective communication with students, staff, parents, community and government at all levels.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Zangle Student Information System implementation continues to move forward on schedule. Phase I of the project is the Fit Gap Analysis, during which the District will determine how well the proposed solution meets District requirements. Phase II is installation and implementation of the system, contingent upon the successful completion of the Fit Gap Analysis. The project is currently on schedule for Secondary schools to "cut over" in August, 2008. Elementary Schools are currently slated to transition in August, 2009.

Tasks completed or underway since 9/10/07 update:

- IT is evaluating the operational impact of running Windows in a Parallel environment. To date, there have been no "show stoppers", and testing is approximately 50% complete. Cinnovations tested Zangle on Parallels and has submitted a report of relevant issues. Once in-district test environments for Zangle and IFAS have been prepared, those applications will be tested on Parallels, which will include on-site testing at one elementary school, one middle school, one high school, and one alternative school.
- Project team members Maria Hernandez (counselor expert) and Matt Wetherell (teacher expert) have begun work on the project, in conjunction with the previously established Technical Team.

- Fit/Gap sessions for Enrollment, Student Related Applications, and Behavior have been completed. The team is now compiling the results of the sessions, and will forward this information to the Executive Leadership team for further consideration. The Fit/Gap sessions for Attendance and Scheduling will take place October 15-19, 2007.
- Faculty data is being prepared for conversion from SMS/IFAS to Zangle.
- Preparations for end-user training have begun, based on information derived from the first Fit/Gap session. This process will continue throughout the Fit/Gap sessions. The schedule for training Master Schedule creators has been approved by Executive Directors for Middle and High School.
- Preliminary hardware needs are being established based on end-user functionality requirements. These requirements are determined by district employee roles and the associated permissions those roles will require in Zangle. (Examples – Registrar, Counselor, Administrator, Curriculum Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, etc.) Hardware needs may be affected by the Parallels test results.

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