

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #116 (2007-2008)

November 12, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FAMILY PARTNERSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL  
ENROLLMENT ADJUSTMENT

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 authorize the Superintendent to approve an increase in Family Partnership Charter School's budgeted enrollment to 500 students for the 2007-2008 school year.

PERTINENT FACTS:

School Board Policy 333.94.b.1 and 333.94.b.3 require that an established charter school shall submit by November 15 of each year, a balanced program budget, approved by the school's Academic Policy Committee that shows the expected revenues and expenditures for the charter school for the following school year. The budget for that following year shall use student enrollment of the current year unless the superintendent or designee has approved budgeting for a larger or smaller enrollment. Requests for changes in maximum school enrollment for the following year must be made to the superintendent or designee by October 1 of the current school year. This annual budget shall be approved by the school board during annual budget deliberations. Further, if the student enrollment in the charter school is anticipated to deviate more than 10 percent above or below the school board budgeted enrollment, the charter school and the district will meet to review the charter school's enrollment and budget. If approved by the district, a revised charter school budget will be implemented.

Family Partnership Charter School is currently budgeted for 478 students with the allowance of a 10 percent increase or decrease in enrollment. Their present enrollment is 535 students which is larger than the allowable 10 percent over 478

students. The school has made a concerted effort to increase their enrollment this past year and have been very successful. The APC approved a principal request to be able to increase recruitment of new families. Because of this, and the school's excellent reputation, Family Partnership was able to enroll over 500 students. In the whirlwind of recruitment and start up activities, the realization that ASD Board Policy had not been followed didn't occur until after school was well into its third week of school. To turn away students who have been enrolled for several weeks would be devastating to the students, their families and the school

At this time, Family Partnership is requesting that the School Board approve an increase in enrollment to 500 students for the school year 2007-2008. By increasing the enrollment to 500, it would allow FPCS to enroll up to 550 students and still be within the 10 percent allowance. This would cover the immediate need and would serve as ultimate enrollment number, since the school does not want to grow beyond 550 students.

CC/RG/CB

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