

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #161 (2007-2008)

January 14, 2008

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 responsible construction and maintenance of facilities, 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.

- The Zangle team is determining the resources required for the three implementation models under consideration (elementary alone, secondary alone, K-12 concurrently). A summary will be provided to district leadership by March 1.
- We continue to investigate options and potential solutions for the Elementary Standards Based Report Card requirement.
- The ASD needs assessment, which resulted in the RFP for a new SIS, was an extremely comprehensive and far-reaching process. The RFP included virtually all student-related functions of the district. In assessing the vendor responses, it became clear that one product could not address every aspect of the RFP.
- The ultimate goal of having as much student information as possible in one system remains a top priority. However, two items from the RFP were not included in the contract with CInnovations. Zangle does not currently have the capacity to address two elements from the RFP - Individual Education Plan management and Smart ID cards. Individual Education Plan management was included in the contract as an optional software purchase, with \$300,000 estimated for Custom IEP Forms Development.

- The district currently utilizes a Filemaker Pro system developed internally to assist IEP teams with documentation and paperwork. It was not designed with reporting purposes in mind, though it has received various upgrades to allow some state reporting from that source.
- A review of IEP records processing is necessary, to determine how those records will interface with Zangle.

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