

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #214 (2007-2008)

February 25, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CHANGE TO FAMILY PARTNERSHIP
CHARTER SCHOOL'S CHARTERED ENROLLMENT

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 an increase in Family Partnership Charter School's chartered enrollment to 700 students. It is further recommended that the charter be changed to reflect this maximum enrollment and delete the requirement to set the maximum annually.

PERTINENT FACTS:

School Board Policy 333.7(e) requires "any revisions to the terms of the contract may be made only with the approval of the School Board and the charter school Academic Policy Committee." The current Family Partnership Charter School charter states that membership will be established using the following criteria: "The maximum number of students shall be established by the Academic Policy committee and the Anchorage School Board on an annual basis."

At this time, Family Partnership Charter School has 534 students enrolled. It is the largest charter school in the state. FPCS believes that its program meets the needs of a growing number of students, and the school will continue to see an increase in interest and enrollment. FPCS would like to be able to meet this increased interest and enroll more students in the future.

The current enrollment number was not established by the APC and the School Board last year as their charter requires, but was part of the budgeting process. In fact, though this clause has been a part of their charter, the maximum enrollment has varied, but has not been discussed at the annual review and set

by the Board and the APC. The Academic Policy Committee would like to revise the FPCS charter to state that the enrollment maximum would be 700 students rather than revisiting the enrollment maximum each year. By doing so, there would be no breach of contract or cause for termination of the school. Also, the need to review and establish the maximum enrollment each year would be eliminated.

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