

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #254 (2007-2008)

April 28, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: TREASURER'S REPORT/FINANCIAL RECAP:
March 31, 2008

ASD Goal: Ensure public accountability through continued preparation and publication of the Profile of Performance, budget basics, and budget and bond summaries; effective consultation with community to ensure wise use of financial resources and responsible construction and maintenance of facilities; effective communication with students, staff, parents, community and government at all levels.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The attached report consists of three parts: the Graphic Overview, the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Recap. The Graphic Overview is presented on a quarterly basis and the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Recap are presented on a monthly basis. The Treasurer's report and Financial Recap are year-to-date information as of March 31, 2008.

I. GRAPHIC OVERVIEW

District investments are primarily made through the Municipality of Anchorage. Overnight repurchase agreements are made through the District's banking services, whereas, the Student Activities Fund investments are made by individual schools in insured accounts.

Effective June 1, 2007 the Anchorage School District and Municipality of Anchorage began investing non-restricted funds into a pooled environment held in trust and managed through three external investment management groups. The external investment managers actively manage investments within the Municipal Investment Pool to maximize performance while ensuring all District

and Municipal investments meet the Districts' Board Policy 724.32 and Anchorage Municipal Code 06.50.030 as required.

The creation of the Municipal Investment Pool has rewarded the District with greater investment income through active management of the investments and improved internal cash flow analysis. The increased income has been steady through the recent fluctuating financial market, consistently posting gains until this month. Due to the uncertain market conditions, the Pool has posted an unrealized loss to the District portfolios March month end market value of gross investments. However, even with the downward slide of interest rates, and unstable market conditions, the Municipal Investment Pool has returned significantly increased interest earnings over the same time period last year and remains a good investment income vehicle for the District. Internal cash flow analysis and the change in banking services contracts have also contributed to the increase in interest earnings over the prior year earnings.

Funds that are restricted such as bond proceeds, or other funds held in trust or escrow are not included within the Municipal Investment Pool but invested as direct investments. The Anchorage School District requires direct investments, in excess of any insured amount, to be collateralized at all times with United States Government guaranteed securities having a market value, plus accrued interest, which equals or exceeds the collateralized amount of the investment. Additionally, the Board Policy provides that the District can request the Municipality to invest funds on its behalf following the investment policy in the Municipal Code which allows for additional investment types that typically provide higher yields in secure investment vehicles.

Included on page 1 of the report is a graph representing the types of investment instruments held by the District as of March 31, 2008, except for the Student Activities Fund. In addition, a monthly comparison of cumulative interest earnings for fiscal year 2006-2007 and fiscal year 2007-2008 is presented on page 2. The cumulative interest earnings for the nine-month period ended March 31, 2008 were \$7.935 million as compared to \$5.759 million for the same period of time in the prior year. As of March 31, 2008, the District had invested \$123.649 million in the Municipal Investment Pool, \$41.909 million in commercial paper, \$44.174 million in U.S. Government Securities, and \$13.126 million invested in repurchase agreements.

The graph on page 3 is titled Weighted Average Interest Rate for Investments Purchased. This graph compares the weighted monthly average yield on investments acquired in the current year with the figures for the prior fiscal year.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Anchorage School District Treasurer's Report includes a summary of the total demand deposits and investments, which are on hand as of March 31, 2008, and a summary of the investment transactions completed March 1 through March 31, 2008.

The demand deposits in the General Fund as of March 31, 2008 reported negative funds available of (\$2,786,781) as listed on page 4. The District's banking services contract includes the investment of the bank float that provides additional interest revenue to the District. In addition to the bank float, additional interest was earned starting in September because of the change in banking services contract. With the implementation of the new banking services contract, the District increased the overnight repurchase investment interest rate by almost one percent. Given similar investments, the District anticipates earning over \$200,000 more a year in interest income from the change of contracts.

The total amount of investments on hand at March 31, 2008 was \$222,858,610 and the combined total of these liquid assets consisting of the demand deposits and investments were \$220,071,829. A schedule of investments is presented on pages 5 and 6.

The District transacted 87 direct investments during the month of March. The specific direct investments purchased are presented commencing with page 7 of the Treasurer's Report. The anticipated earnings for these new investments is \$357,192, which will be recorded in the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund. The interest earnings on direct investments made by the District are recorded upon receipt of the actual interest earnings on the various dates of maturity. The interest earnings on investments made by the Municipality of Anchorage on behalf of the District are accrued monthly.

Funds invested in the Municipal Investment Pool are presented on page 10 of the Treasurer's Report. The beginning market value for the District's funds was \$87,370,450. Based on available cash flow, contributions occurred in the month in the amount of \$36,790,000. The ending market value of \$123,649,410 represents accrued interest and accrued coupon payments as well as the change in market value of all securities held as of the month end. The change in market value is recorded as a gain or loss along with all other earnings accumulated each month as investment income. The total investment income recorded from the Municipal Investment Pool for the month end was negative. Interest income was \$406,148, but the total change in value based on market value at the end of March was

(\$917,188) netting a total loss of (\$511,040) for the month. The average daily balance of the District's pooled investments for the month was \$113,899,804.

In summary, the District's investment performance for fiscal year 2007-2008 year-to-date is shown by the following portfolio yield calculations:

- The Weighted Average Interest Rate for investments purchased during March was 2.80 percent and is noted on page 11.
- The Yield to Maturity, as listed on page 11 represents the yield if all investments are held to their maturity date. For the month of March 2008, the Yield to Maturity is 4.09 percent.
- The Year-to-Date Cumulative Yield, noted on page 11, represents the weighted average yield of all investments purchased by the District since July 1, 2007. On March 31st, the Year-to-Date Cumulative Yield was 5.30 percent.

II. FINANCIAL RECAP

The Financial Recap is a summary of revenues, expenditures and encumbrances for the current fiscal year through March 31, 2008. The funds presented are the General Fund; Debt Service Fund; Food Service and Local/State/Federal Grants Special Revenue Funds; and Capital Projects Fund. The expenditures are on generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) basis. This means the amount in expenditures include payments on encumbrances from the prior year. For example, the working budget on expenditures for the General Fund includes the current year's revised budget plus the encumbrances from prior year of approximately \$17.958 million. Year-to-Date (YTD) expenditures therefore reflect expenditures from the current fiscal year and expenditures from prior years' encumbrances that were carried forward. The appropriations from the prior years for these encumbrances were also carried forward.

The General Fund revised budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 totals \$546.163 million and was approved by the School Board (ASD Memorandum #177) and the Anchorage Assembly (AR No. 2007-91(S)) on February 8, 2007 and May 1, 2007, respectively. The School Board later revised the budget (ASD Memorandum #310) on May 31, 2007. This budget includes increases over the prior year budget mainly as a result of increases in the Alaska State Retirement Systems for teachers and public employees. The Alaska State Legislature and Governor approved a one-year funding solution that provides a direct payment to the retirement systems on behalf of the member organizations. This allowed the District to redirect funds back to instruction that had in previous years been

reduced in order for the District to afford under-funded, yet required retirement system increases.

Additional funding for the year was also allocated by the legislature in the form of a School Improvement Grant in the amount of \$7.891 million. The local tax appropriation increased approximately \$13.940 million. With the additional funds, the District has been able to add additional instructional programs and budgeted expenditures to further enhance the education of the community's children as a result of the one year state retirement system funding solution, School Improvement Grant and the local tax appropriation. This \$546.163 million is compared to the revised budget of \$473.433 million for the prior year. The increases over the prior year budget are mainly as a result of increases to both revenue and expenditures for the Alaska State Retirement Systems for teachers and public employees. The cumulative actual GAAP expenditures and encumbrances for the nine-month period ended March 31, 2008 were \$368.628 million or 65.3 percent of the \$564.121 million working budget (revised budget plus encumbrance budget).

On page 33 the Cumulative Expenditures by Month for Four Fiscal Years begins which provides information concerning the actual and projected expenditures for fiscal year 2007-2008 compared to the actual cumulative expenditures by month for the prior three years. In addition, a Comparative Ratio of Monthly Expenditures to Total Expenditures is presented beginning on page 34 to provide the actual expenditures and relative percentages by month for the current and three prior fiscal years for comparative purposes. Actual expenditures are .4 percent below projections for the nine-month period ended March 31, 2008.

Summary and detailed budget reports are available for each school, department, and other budgetary unit on IFAS on-line with current up-to-date data. This information is available to assist in daily operations.

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Attachment

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