

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #297 (2007-2008)

May 29, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: TREASURER'S REPORT/FINANCIAL RECAP:
April 30, 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 two parts: the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Recap. 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 April 30, 2008.

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 April 30, 2008, and a summary of the investment transactions completed April 1 through April 30, 2008.

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.

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.

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.

The demand deposits in the General Fund as of April 30th reported negative funds available of (\$4,587,828) as listed on page 1. 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 April 30, 2008 was \$235,905,338 and the combined total of these liquid assets consisting of the demand deposits and investments were \$231,317,510. A schedule of investments is presented on pages 2 through 4.

The District transacted 78 direct investments during the month of April. The specific direct investments purchased are presented commencing with page 5 of the Treasurer's Report. The anticipated earnings for these new investments is \$170,947, which will be recorded in the General Fund and 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 7 of the Treasurer's Report. The beginning market value for the District's funds was \$123,649,409. Based on available cash flow, contributions occurred in the month in the amount of \$19,297,000 while deductions were drawn totaling \$11,244,000 through the end of the month. The ending market value of \$131,778,394 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 earned for the month was \$75,985. The average daily balance of the District's pooled investments for the month was \$138,685,009.

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 April was 2.42 percent and is noted on page 8.
- The Yield to Maturity, as listed on page 8 represents the yield if all investments are held to their maturity date. For the month of April 2008, the Yield to Maturity is 4.31 percent.
- The Year-to-Date Cumulative Yield, noted on page 8, represents the weighted average yield of all investments purchased by the District since July 1, 2007. On April 30th, the Year-to-Date Cumulative Yield was 4.86 percent.

II. FINANCIAL RECAP

The Financial Recap is a summary of revenues, expenditures and encumbrances for the current fiscal year through April 30, 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. 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. The School Board adopted the redirection of funds (ASD Memorandum #310) on May 31, 2007 as the revised budget for fiscal year 2007-2008.

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.

Upon notification from the State Department of Education and Early Development in early April, the District made a significant adjustment to expenditures relating to the retirement funding solution described above. The guidance from the Department differed from previously discussed protocol on the amount of expenditures to recognize for the supplemental retirement system funding provided by the Legislature and Governor. The implementation of the change required the Accounting Department to reduce the year's supplemental retirement contribution cumulative expenditures to zero until the full payroll distribution for the year is complete. This adjustment reduced total General Fund expenditures from the March Treasurers' report by \$45.707 million. The regular monthly activity of the District for the month of April totaled less than the adjustment, thus netting a credit of \$5.366 million for the total month expenditures. Once total payroll for the fiscal year is complete, Accounting will re-allocate the on-behalf expenditures and revenues by activity across all funds in accordance with the guidance from the Department.

The cumulative actual GAAP expenditures and encumbrances for the ten-month period ended April 30, 2008 were \$362.222 million or 64.2 percent of the \$564.121 million working budget (revised budget plus encumbrance budget).

On page 30 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 31 to provide the actual expenditures and relative percentages by month for the current and three prior fiscal years for comparative purposes. Actual expenditures are 9.2 percent below projections for the ten-month period ended April 30, 2008. This amount is specifically related to the supplemental retirement adjustment performed in the month of April. Separating the supplemental retirement component of the projection out of consideration, the expenditures are estimated to be .1 percent above the projection for the ten-month period end April 30, 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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