

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM # 122 (2008-2009)

November 4, 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 communication plan is an important aspect of a successful implementation. Zangle news has been included in several *Inside ASD* editions, as well as an upcoming feature article in the ASD newsletter, *In the Zone*. Two videos have been produced by Channel 14 and provided to principals for use during faculty meetings or other staff events. The first video included an introduction to Zangle, and the second features an interview with a teacher who used Zangle in his previous district.
- Zangle was featured in the Announcements section of the November, 2008 *Anchorage Daily News* ASD Monthly Update.
- An introductory meeting and Zangle demonstration was held on October 17, 2008 for all district enrollment personnel. Attendees had a positive response to the demonstration, and provided valuable insight regarding some outstanding business process issues. Zangle introductory meetings and demonstrations for secondary counseling staff will be held during the first week of December.
- Permission sets are the “gatekeepers” that allow district personnel appropriate access to Zangle, based on their job responsibilities. An automated process for assigning Zangle permissions is being developed, which will replace the manual process currently utilized for SMS. It is anticipated that other district-wide systems (e.g. IFAS) will benefit from

utilizing the automated permissions initiated as part of the Zangle implementation.

- The technical and training teams continue their work to configure the system and develop training materials according to the ASD project plan.

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