

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM # 234 (2008-2009)

March 23, 2009

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:

- Anchorage School District began using Zangle in a live environment on March 16, 2009. Student demographic and enrollment data was converted into Zangle from SMS. Duplicate enrollment data entry will occur in both systems from March 16 through the end-of-year processing in SMS.
- ASD Staff that will schedule secondary students for 2009-2010 have received the first phase of training for master schedule development. Elementary master schedule training will occur April 20-24.
- Preparations are under way to utilize Zangle during Summer School, 2009. The Zangle gradebook will be available for use by summer school teachers. Additional applications are being evaluated for use during summer school.
- The Summer, 2009 training plan is being finalized and ASD staff will be notified of appropriate training opportunities by March 30. Teachers will be trained August 17 and 18, based on a schedule established by each building principal. Additional Front Office trainings will occur during July and August, as employees return to work. With few exceptions, staff will receive training within the regular work calendar. Those whose work calendars will be extended due to training will be notified of this requirement in compliance with the applicable negotiated agreement.

- Contact information will be collected from all district families. This is necessary because the existing SMS contact data cannot be converted in a meaningful way. An introductory letter and the required form will be mailed out to all households by April 1, 2009. A focused effort will be made to communicate through the media and school publications in order to collect the forms by the end of the school year.

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