

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #77 (98-99)

September 28, 1998

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ENROLLMENT STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1998

PERTINENT FACTS:

Enrollment figures for the first seven days of the 1998-99 school year indicate that the Anchorage School District has experienced projected growth this school year. The total membership on the seventh day of school, September 11, 1998, was 49,162, which is a gain of 729 students over the seventh day total in 1997. The total of 49,162 is the largest membership total in the history of the Anchorage School District.

It is estimated from historical trends that the total membership will grow to approximately 49,500 by September 30, 1998. If the active enrollment reaches 49,500 by September 30, that total would be 56 less than the Fall projection of 49,556. The current 1998-99 budget was developed using the Fall projection of 49,556.

Enrollments in the schools have reached over 99 percent of what can be expected by the official membership date of September 30. Elementary, Middle School, and Senior High School staffing adjustments are being made based upon the actual enrollments in each school.

Table 1 compares the seventh day enrollment by category for this school year to the comparable seventh day figures from last year.

There is one note of caution in the enrollment data observed for this school year. The Kindergarten membership for both full-day and half-day is less than last year. Specifically, full-day Kindergarten is 167 less than last year and half-day Kindergarten is 68 less than last year. Kindergarten enrollment plays a crucial role in future memberships for the District, and a continued trend of lower Kindergarten memberships could result in a declining District membership over time. The data observed for Kindergarten this year is being analyzed. This

analysis will be utilized in the preparation of membership projections for September 30, 1999.

TABLE 1
Comparison of Seventh Day Enrollment 1997-98 vs 1998-99

Category	7th Day 1997	7th Day 1998	Difference
Kindergarten – Full	1,695	1,528	-167
Kindergarten – Half	2,131	2,063	-68
<i>Sub-Total Kindergarten</i>	<i>3,826</i>	<i>3,591</i>	<i>-235</i>
Elementary Gr. 1-8	23,277	23,661	+384
<i>Sub-Total Elementary</i>	<i>27,103</i>	<i>27,252</i>	<i>+149</i>
Middle Schools Gr. 6-8	7,193	7,324	+131
Senior High Schools	11,660	11,891	+231
Other Secondary Gr. 7-12	1,384	1,593	+209
<i>Sub-Total Secondary</i>	<i>20,237</i>	<i>20,808</i>	<i>+571</i>
Pre-Elementary, Level 3 Spec. Ed., Special Services	1,093	1,102	+9
TOTAL	48,433	49,162	+729

Table 2 presents the seventh day enrollment by category for this school year and the Fall budget projections for September 30, 1998.

TABLE 2
Seventh Day Enrollment 1997-98 and Fall Budget Projections for 9/30/98

<u>Category</u>	<u>Fall Projections for Sept. 30, 1998</u>	<u>7th Day 1998</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Kindergarten – Full	1,727	1,528	-199
Kindergarten – Half	2,255	2,063	-192
<i>Sub-Total Kindergarten</i>	<i>3,982</i>	<i>3,591</i>	<i>-391</i>
Elementary Gr. 1-8	23,561	23,661	+100
<i>Sub-Total Elementary</i>	<i>27,543</i>	<i>27,252</i>	<i>-291</i>
Middle Schools Gr. 6-8	7,386	7,324	-62
Senior High Schools	11,767	11,891	+124
Other Secondary Gr. 7-12	1,690	1,593	-97
<i>Sub-Total Secondary</i>	<i>20,843</i>	<i>20,808</i>	<i>-35</i>
Pre-Elementary, Level 3 Spec. Ed., Special Services	1,170	1,102	-68
TOTAL	49,556	49,162	-394

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