

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #150 (98-99) November 23, 1998

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: REVISION TO THE 1999 ASD LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board revise its 1999 ASD legislative priority, **Full and Early Funding for Public Education**, to reflect the estimated \$26 million needed to fund the second year implementation of the new foundation formula. The revised priority will read:

Full and Early Funding for Public Education

The Anchorage School Board calls upon the Legislature to:

- fully fund the second year of the education funding formula; and,
- support early funding of foundation formula revenues, school-construction debt reimbursement and pupil transportation.

Rationale: The new state education funding formula was approved during the second session of the 20th Legislature with the expectation of full implementation after two years. The Board encourages the Legislature to provide the estimated \$26 million needed to complete the implementation.

A school district's early knowledge of its anticipated revenues for the following school year is absolutely necessary for responsible budgeting decisions. Therefore, the Anchorage School Board supports funding of education formula revenues, school-construction debt reimbursement and student transportation by March 15 of each year in order to meet personnel requirements under the law.

PERTINENT FACTS:

When the new foundation funding formula was adopted in the 2nd Session of the 20th Legislature, it was approved with the expectation of full implementation after two years. Failure of the Legislature to provide the additional estimated \$26 million needed to complete the implementation process, would result in a pro-ration of foundation formula funds to all school districts.

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