

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #196 (1999-2000)

February 23, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: REVISION TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 841.13: POLITICAL
CANDIDACY AND PUBLIC OFFICES (EMPLOYEES RUNNING
FOR SCHOOL BOARD) (SECOND READING)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve on Second Reading the revisions to School Board Policy 841.13, Political Candidacy and Public Offices, as shown on Attachment A.

PERTINENT FACTS:

In regards to the ability of District employees to campaign for a seat on the School Board, several questions were raised referencing current Board policies. Legal opinion to interpret whether Board policy, or other pertinent laws, prohibit current District employees from running for the Anchorage School Board was solicited for consideration. Findings indicate that employment with the District would not prohibit a potential candidate from seeking election. Furthermore, an employee elected to the Board would need to resign their employment.

The subject of employees running for School Board was reviewed and discussed at the January 6, 2000 Board Policy Subcommittee meeting. The Subcommittee revised and corrected policy 841.13 (Attachment A). The rewritten policy clears up ambiguity and provides better correlation to related Board policies and applicable laws.

On February 14, 2000 the School Board approved on First Reading the revisions to School Board Policy 841.13: Political Candidacy and Public Offices. The Administration responded to a written request by a citizen to insure that the Policy change would not conflict with municipal law. Citing State statute, the Superintendent was advised by legal counsel that the proposed change would be acceptable.

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Attachment

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Approved by: Bob Christal, Superintendent