

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #287 (1999-2000)

May 8, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD
FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
SUBJECT: HAZARDOUS TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve recommendations A through E for the 2000-2001 school year.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Section 14.09.010(c) of the Compiled School Laws of the State of Alaska provides that the school board of a district shall designate as hazardous, those routes that cannot be safely traveled by children who are not served on regular school bus routes. Students who live more than 1.5 miles from school are provided regular school bus transportation. It further states that the school board shall provide transportation for pupils on routes designated as hazardous, with the cost to be equally shared by the school district and the Alaska State Department of Education and Early Development.

A Hazardous Transportation Committee (HTC), in existence since 1966, was organized for the purpose of making recommendations to the Anchorage School Board regarding designation of hazardous routes and other recommendations concerning hazardous transportation. The Committee consists of the following individuals:

ASD Director of Transportation - Chairperson
ASD Elementary Supervisor (1)
ASD Demographic and GIS Manager
ASD Director of Risk Management Services
ASD Transportation Planner
Anchorage Council PTA Representatives
(1-Anchorage, 1-Eagle River)
Municipal Traffic Engineer
Municipal Police Department Traffic Division

Municipal Public Works Department – Street Maintenance
Section
State of Alaska, Dept. of Transportation Road Maintenance
State of Alaska, Dept. of Transportation Regional Traffic
Engineer

The Committee has met, when necessary, as special problems or hazardous areas have been discovered. Requests by parents for designation of additional hazardous routes or crossing guards have been submitted to the Superintendent of Schools, or designee, and referred to the Committee for review.

During the month of March, memorandums were sent to all building principals notifying them of the Hazardous Transportation Committee's spring review. The Committee met on April 20, 2000, to review the following requests and to determine recommendations for the 2000-2001 school year.

Nancy Carder, Principal Chugiak Elementary, had requested a crossing guard for the crosswalk at Birchwood Loop, south of the school. A crossing guard is provided during the months that there is heavy use of the gravel pit nearby. On April 12, 1999, an on-site review was conducted and the area scored 26 on the Profile for Student Walking Conditions. On December 2, 1999, another on-site review was conducted and the area scored 31 points in the morning and afternoon. This does not meet the 45 points necessary to qualify as a hazardous route. A motion to provide a crossing guard on North Birchwood did not pass, 0-8.

A request from Maria Zagula, parent of an Eagle River Elementary student, had requested bus service from the Palos Verdes subdivision to and from the school. An on-site review was conducted on, April 10, 2000, and the area scored 36 points in the morning and afternoon. Again, this does not meet the 45 points necessary to qualify as a hazardous route. A motion to provide bus service for the Palos Verdes subdivision did not pass, 0-8.

The following four recommendations were approved by the Hazardous Transportation Committee on April 20, 2000.

(A) The following roadways are recommended for continuation of hazardous designation for the 2000-2001 school year:

1. Abbott Loop Road
2. Abbott Road
3. Arctic Boulevard
4. Baxter Road
5. Birch Road
6. Boniface Parkway

7. Boundary Avenue
8. C Street
9. Collins Way
10. DeArmoun Road
11. Dimond Boulevard
12. Eagle River Road
13. Eagle River Loop Road
14. Fireweed Lane
15. Forest Park Drive
16. Hillside Drive
17. Huffman Road
18. International Airport Road
19. Jewel Lake Road
20. West Klatt Road
21. Lake Otis Parkway
22. Mary Avenue
23. Monte Road
24. Mountain View Drive
25. Muldoon Road
26. Northern Lights Boulevard
27. Northwood Drive
28. Old Glenn Highway
29. Old Seward Highway
30. O'Malley Road
31. Patterson Road (Between Tudor and E. Northern Lights Blvd.)
32. Rabbit Creek Road
33. Raspberry Road
34. Sand Lake Road
35. Sentry Drive
36. Spenard Road
37. Strawberry Road
38. Tudor Road
39. Turnagain Boulevard (east)
40. Turpin Street
41. Victor Road
42. Wisconsin Street
43. 15th Avenue (Ingra to Orca Street)
44. 36th Avenue (Lake Otis to Minnesota)
45. 68th Avenue
46. 88th Avenue (west of Jewel Lake Road)
47. 100th Avenue

(B) Recommend the following locations be designated as hazardous routes for the 2000-2001 school year and receive a school crossing guard:

<u>Location</u>	<u>School</u>
1. Baxter Road and E. 30th Ave.	Baxter
2. Arctic and W. 74th Avenue	Campbell
3. 88th Avenue and Dewberry	Chinook
4. 88th Avenue and Arlene	Chinook
5. 12th and E Street	Chugach Optional
6. 10th Avenue and Cordova	Denali
7. Eagle River Road at school	Eagle River
8. Eagle River Loop and Baranof	Homestead
9. Huffman Rd. and Leslie Street	Huffman
10. 13th Avenue and L Street	Inlet View
11. 68th at school	Kasuun
12. 40th & Wisconsin	Lake Hood
13. McPhee and Bragaw Street	Mt. View
14. McPhee and Flower Street	Mt. View
15. 21st Avenue and Arctic	North Star
16. Aspen Dr. and Northwood Drive	Northwood
17. 20th Avenue and Bragaw	Russian Jack
18. 20th Avenue and school drive	Russian Jack
19. Jewel Lake and Strawberry Road	Sand Lake
20. Patterson Street at school	Scenic Park
21. Lake Otis underpass	Spring Hill
22. Northern Lights at school	Turnagain
23. Mt. View Dr./Commercial at Price	William Tyson
24. Pine Street and Kenai Avenue	Wonder Park
25. 26th Avenue and Minnesota	Romig/West
26. Northern Lights and Lake Otis (Two guards)	Wendler

(C) Provide hazardous transportation for students who live in Glacier Terrace and Malaspina Trailer Courts that attend Russian Jack Elementary School until such time as a walkway can be built.

(D) Provide winter bussing for students, who reside in the Spruce View Apartments, to Spring Hill Elementary from October 30, 2000 - March 29, 2001. A crossing guard will be provided before winter bus service begins in the fall and after service ends in the spring.

BC/CC/SK

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