

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #297 (1999-2000) (REVISED)

May 22, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: KLATT / OCEAN VIEW BOUNDARY STUDY
(SECOND READING)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve on Second Reading the following attendance boundary for the 2000-2001 school year for Klatt and Ocean View Elementary Schools (Attachment H).

SCENARIO #1

To Ocean View Elementary School

Students who currently reside in the area bounded on the **north** by Klatt Road between Timberlane Drive and New Seward Highway; on the **east** by the New Seward Highway between Klatt Road and Hamilton Drive, and Old Seward Highway from Hamilton Drive to the junction of the Old and New Seward Highways; on the **south** by Turnagain Arm and by Hamilton Drive, from Old Seward Highway to New Seward Highway (excluding all residents with addresses on Hamilton Drive); and on the **west** by Timberlane Drive and its extension to Turnagain Arm (including all residents addressing on the east side of Timberlane Drive and also includes residents on Timberlane Circle, Giroux Circle, Cedar Park Circle, Maywood Circle, Cotoneaster Circle and Chokecherry Circle).

To Klatt Elementary School

Students who currently reside in the area bounded on the **north** by Dimond Boulevard between Minnesota Bypass and Ange Street, Ange Street from Dimond Boulevard to West 88th Avenue (excluding both sides of Ange and West 88th Avenue), West 88th Avenue from Ange Street to Arctic Boulevard, Arctic Boulevard between West 88th Avenue and West 92nd Avenue (excluding both sides of Arctic Boulevard), and West 92nd Avenue between Arctic Boulevard and Dallas Street (excluding both sides of West 92nd Avenue). West O'Malley Road from the southern extension of C Street to

New Seward Highway; on the **east** by Dallas and its extension as C Street from West 92nd Avenue to West O'Malley Road, New Seward Highway from O'Malley Road to Klatt Road, and Timberlane Drive and its extension from Klatt Road to the Turnagain Arm (including all residences on the west side of Timberlane Drive); on the **south** by Klatt Road from New Seward Highway to Timberlane Drive, and the Turnagain Arm between Timberlane Drive extension to Turnagain Arm and the Southport Parkway extension to Turnagain Arm; and on the **west** by Minnesota Bypass, from Dimond Boulevard to West O'Malley Road, from the intersection of Minnesota Bypass with West O'Malley Road to Southport Parkway (excluding Lafayette Circle, Concord Hill Court, and Discovery Heights Circle), and Southport Parkway and its extension to Turnagain Arm.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Task Force comprised of school principals and PTA representatives (Attachment B) began meeting in March of 2000. Four work sessions were held through April 25, 2000. Minutes of those sessions and the Public Hearings are found in Attachment C. A total of four scenarios were reviewed by the Task Force (Attachment D). A fifth scenario was introduced by a task force member. As a result of the public hearings, one additional scenario, which was proposed by a parent, was also reviewed and considered. The pros and cons of each scenario were discussed and considered by the committee.

In selecting the two scenarios (Attachment E), which were presented for public input, the Task Force attempted to reduce the student population in the Klatt area. With the increased housing construction occurring within the Klatt area, it is felt that the recommended scenario will allow for the anticipated increase in student population.

Letters were sent to all parents of students attending Klatt and Ocean View Elementary School (Attachment F). Advertisements for public hearings were published in the Anchorage Daily News. Two public hearings were scheduled on April 24 & 25, 2000.

The Task Force took into consideration the potential growth expected in the Klatt attendance area and tried to look at the long-term effect. Although Ocean View will have additional space due to its renovation and could accommodate additional students, it was important to not displace any programs that are currently housed at Ocean View. The Task Force listed the pros and cons for the scenario proposed and submitted by a parent during the public testimony. This proposed scenario would bring Campbell Elementary School up to 121 percent capacity and would create a non contiguous boundary for Klatt Elementary School. Therefore, this scenario was eliminated by the committee.

As a result of public testimony the committee recommended an adjustment be made to Scenario #1. The adjustment was made to include eight families who currently reside East of Timberlane Drive into the Ocean View attendance area. Two of these families currently attend Ocean View Elementary on zone exceptions and six attend their neighborhood school, which is Klatt Elementary School. A second letter was sent to all parents of students attending Klatt and Ocean View Elementary School informing them of the recommended adjustment (Attachment G). The map covers the same geographical area, but the addition of approximately nine students would slightly change the demographics for Ocean View and Klatt respectively (Attachment H). Linda Schwald, Route Supervisor for ASD Transportation, states that there are two bus stops established in the area to accommodate Klatt students, one at Timberlane and Giroux and the other on Hilltop Road near #12240. If the students living on the east side of Timberlane were moved to Ocean View Elementary, they would also require bus service. Redrawing the boundary down the center of Timberlane Drive is not desirable from the transportation perspective. Buses serving two schools will be required to travel the same roadway at approximately the same time of day. The bus serving Ocean View would be required to make a loop through the Klatt attendance area to serve stops at the southern end of Timberlane Drive. It was also strongly suggested during public testimony, and supported by the Task Force members, that the students impacted with this boundary change not be affected by any future boundary changes.

After much discussion by the Task Force members they unanimously voted to support Scenario #1, along with the adjustment on the East side of Timberlane Drive, as the best option to present to the School Board for the following reasons:

- allows for growth in the Klatt area which is most likely to have an increase in population;
- brings Ocean View to an increased capacity as a result of additional classroom space provided from its renovation project;
- modifications were developed as a result of the public hearings; and
- locates the majority of children in a more logical geographic attendance area for cleaner boundary lines.

The School Board approved this boundary change during the First Reading on May 8, 2000. The modified Scenario #1 (Attachment H), recommended by the Task force, is better reflected in Attachment I showing clearly the current boundary in the Timberlane Drive area. The area on the east side of Timberlane Drive is shown on the map. Those testifying at the School Board meeting all supported the proposed change.

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Attachments

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