

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #396 (1999-2000)

June 26, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD
FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
SUBJECT: SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT REPORT CARD TO THE PUBLIC

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to submit the attached 1999-2000 Schools and District Report Card to the Public in compliance with AS 14.03.120.

PERTINENT FACTS:

All school districts in Alaska are required to annually submit a "School/District Report Card" to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED). This has been a requirement for a number of years, at least since the 1993-94 school year. However, in 1997 the Alaska Legislature changed the law relating to the School Report Card, altering both the content of the report and the date of submission to the Department of Education and Early Development. Those changes went into effect with the 1999-2000 school year.

The attached report contains the necessary information, relating to both the Anchorage School District and the individual schools within the District, to satisfy the revised requirements. The report is due in Juneau on July 1. Since it can be submitted electronically, that date can be met if the School Board deals with the report at this meeting.

Most of the report is statistical data related to the individual schools and reflecting their status in 1999-2000. There are also a number of comments or summaries of comments made by various publics related to the schools. In terms of a Report Card, the document is missing test results from the State Benchmark Examinations and the High School Graduation Qualifying Examination. In the future, results from those examinations will need to be included in the report. They are not presently available for 1999-2000.

The last few pages of the document present the District's Mission Statement and Goals as adopted in December 1999 as well as some discussion of major activities likely for 2000-2001. It is recognized that the goals may change later when the Board deliberates on their specifics, but they serve as the basis for the discussion included in the report. Basically, the major emphasis of the district next year will be to provide a quality education to the students in Anchorage in 2000-2001 while preparing for the fiscal realities that are on the horizon.

The School Board is asked to approve the submittal of this report so that the District may fully comply with the statutory requirement.

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Attachments

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