

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #48 (2000-2001)

August 28, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD
FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
SUBJECT: MINORITY EDUCATION CONCERNS COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board appoint the following individuals (Attachments A-E) to the Minority Education Concerns Committee (MECC) for terms expiring on June 30, 2002:

- Chester C. Alexander III
- W. Craig Alston
- Richard Benavides
- Mary A. Marks
- Alfredia Tyler

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Anchorage School Board has established one advisory committee to the School Board. This committee is the Minority Education Concerns Committee (MECC) whose primary purpose is to advise the School Board and the Superintendent on a regular basis regarding 1) the educational program as it relates to the education of minority students K-12 District-wide; 2) citizen involvement in school activities on minority educational issues; 3) specific minority community concerns; and 4) such other matters with respect to the District at large as may be identified by the School Board or the Superintendent. There are other issues of importance for the Minority Education Concerns Committee (MECC) as outlined in the Guidelines.

The Minority Education Concerns Committee (MECC) has nine positions with four of these positions currently filled. Terms are for two year intervals on a staggered basis. These appointments will complete the selection process for the 2000-2001 school year.

Advertisements soliciting applicants drew an excellent response. Twelve candidates for the five vacancies were interviewed by School Board member,

Bettye Davis, and Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Carol Comeau, the week of August 21-25, 2000. The candidates were all well-qualified to assist the District in our efforts to enhance success for all of our students. All candidates expressed an interest to remain involved with the District and working with minority students and families even if they were not selected for the MECC. The interview team believes that we have an excellent pool of candidates for any future vacancies.

In addition, the Anchorage Youth Court has approached the Administration about the possibility of students serving in some capacity with the MECC. This will be discussed with the MECC once it is constituted and a possible recommendation to the full School Board at a later date.

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Attachments

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