

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #70 (2000-2001)

September 25, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ENROLLMENT STATUS UPDATE FOR FY 2000-2001

PERTINENT FACTS:

Enrollment figures as of September 21, 2000 indicate that the Anchorage School District has exceeded the September 30, 1999 actual membership by 238 students.

Table 1 compares the September 21, 2000 enrollment by category for this school year to the comparable figures of September 30, 1999.

Table 1
Enrollment Comparison
September 21, 2000 vs. September 30, 1999

Programs	9/30/2000	9/21/2000	Change From Previous Year
Pre-Elementary Housed in Elem. Schools	235	216	-19
Elementary Schools	27,252	26,979	-273
Middle Schools	7,221	7,412	191
Senior High Schools	11,845	12,270	425
Other Secondary Schools And Programs	1,819	1,740	-79
Special Education Elementary - Level 3	230	252	22
Special Education Secondary - Level 3	177	189	12
Special Services	533	492	-41
Total	49,312	49,550	238

Table 1 shows that the largest increases this school year were in the middle school and senior high school programs. While increases in these two areas were projected, the magnitude of the increases exceeded projections. This is shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2 compares the September 21, 2000 enrollment by category to the fall budget projections for September 30, 2000.

Table 2
September 21 Enrollment 2000-2001 and
Fall Budget Projections for September 30, 2000

Programs	Actual 9/21/2000	Projected 9/30/2000	Difference Actual - Projected
Pre-Elementary Housed in Elem. Schools	216	203	13
Elementary Schools	26,979	26,926	53
Middle Schools	7,412	7,219	193
Senior High Schools	12,270	12,100	170
Other Secondary Schools And Programs	1,740	1,894	-154
Special Education Elementary - Level 3	252	235	17
Special Education Secondary - Level 3	189	173	16
Special Services	492	547	-55
Total	49,550	49,297	253

Table 2 shows that actual total enrollment as of September 21 this year is only one-half of one percent (0.51%) above the projected total. Based upon the September 21 total it is estimated that the official September 30, 2000 membership will be somewhere between 49,600 and 49,650. If that total were reached, it would exceed the total projection by less than one percent. Variances from projections of this magnitude should not be considered exceptional.

Table 3 updates the table started last year that compares the number of “New to District” students with the number of “No Show” students.

Table 3
Anchorage School District
Enrollment Change Analysis September, 2000

School Year	New to District Students	No Show Students	Difference Between Number of “No Shows” and Number of “New to District”
1997-1998	2,257	2,938	681
1998-1999	2,537	3,157	620
1999-2000	2,090	3,299	1,209
2000-2001	2,410	3,404	994

Notes: "New to District" students are defined as those students new to the Anchorage School District, excluding kindergarten students. Students who were previously enrolled, left the District, and returned are not counted in this category.

"No Show" students are defined as those students who were in grades K-11 at the close of the previous school year who did not return to the Anchorage School District for the start of the new school year.

Table 3 shows that for this year we had 320 more “New to District” students than last year. However, we also had 105 more “No Show” students than last year. If nothing else, this table confirms the high mobility that characterizes Anchorage and the District.

CC/NDH

Attachment

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