

Attachment A

Mission: To educate students for success in life.

2000 – 2001 Goals:

- Increase **academic excellence** by emphasizing student achievement, developing respect for diversity, maintaining quality staff retention, recruitment and training, and maximizing opportunities for lifelong learning.
- Establish a **supportive learning environment** by providing safe and caring schools which are barrier-free, by promoting health and wellness, and by collaborating with other community agencies where appropriate.
- Ensure **public accountability** by continued participation in the State required testing program, through the continued use of the writing assessment in selected grades, through wise use of financial resources, through construction and maintenance of facilities, and through effective communication to internal and external audiences.

We, the Anchorage School Board, Superintendent and district staff commit that:

1. All students will show academic growth as indicated by performance on:
 - a. State Benchmark Exams (Grades 3-6-8)
 - b. Norm-referenced tests (Grades 4 and 7)
 - c. Anchorage Writing Assessment (Grades 5-7-9)
 - d. High School Graduation Qualifying Exam
- 2) All students will acquire basic skills and strategies to read independently by the end of the third grade as measured by:
 - Attaining “Advanced” or “Proficient” ratings on the Reading portion of the third grade State Benchmark Exam
 - Teacher assessment, observation and judgment
- 3) The percentage of students who have taken and successfully completed Algebra 1 by the end of eighth grade will be increased from year to year.
 - Develop and implement training in math content and teaching strategies for elementary and middle school teachers
 - Work with students, parents, teachers, counselors, administrators, and community representatives to increase expectations for elementary, middle and high school math

- Develop additional advanced math classes, other than calculus, for seniors and other students who wish to continue with math
- 4) All students will demonstrate a high level of spelling skills or growth in spelling as demonstrated by their performance on a series of district-developed grade level tests of high frequency words administered on a pre- and post-test basis annually.

We, the Anchorage School Board, Superintendent and district staff will focus on:

- Strengthening the effective delivery of instructional services to students using all financial resources available.
- Attempting to minimize the impact of budget reductions on student achievement.
- Increasing parental and community awareness of the critical role families and the community play in the academic success of students.
- Continuing to create positive community relations and understanding of issues critical to the Anchorage School District by establishing coalitions with parents, business leaders and political leaders at all levels.