

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #112 (2000-2001)

October 23, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: REVISION TO 2000-2001 SCHOOL CALENDAR

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the following adjustments to the 2000-2001 school calendar be made:

- 1) The afternoon of November 7 shall be changed from parent/teacher conferences for Middle Schools, to an afternoon in-service for teachers.
- 2) Parent/teacher conferences for Middle Schools shall be held on the afternoon and evening of November 9, 2000.
- 3) The planned in-service for April 13, 2001 shall be canceled.
- 4) The activities, including parent/teacher conferences, now scheduled for April 10, 11, and 12 shall be moved to April 11, 12, and 13.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The 2000-2003 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Anchorage Education Association (AEA) requires that parent/teacher conferences in secondary schools be scheduled on Wednesday and Thursday of report card week. Students attend half-day sessions on Wednesday or Thursday, to enable teachers to meet with parents during the afternoon and evening. All students report for a half day on Friday; teachers are released on Friday afternoon.

Concern was also expressed by the AEA that scheduling parent/teacher conferences on Tuesday will make it more difficult for both groups to vote in the November 7 general election. After discussion with the AEA president and with district administrators from the instructional and transportation areas, we have developed an acceptable solution. The solution includes changes to the parent/teacher conference schedule for both November and April. In April, Middle School conferences will be held on Wednesday. High School conferences will be held on April 12. High Schools and Middle Schools will alternate Wednesday/Thursday, on an annual basis next year and thereafter.

The Administration proposes cancellation of the April 13, 2001 in-service day in order to enable access to a single emergency closure day that may be charged to the maximum of ten days allowed by the Department of Education and Early Development for any combination of in-service and emergency closure days.

Attachment A shows the proposed changes to the calendar in graphic form.

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Attachment

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