

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #273 (2000-2001)

April 30, 2001

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: TREASURER'S REPORT/FINANCIAL RECAP:
March 31, 2001

PERTINENT FACTS:

The attached report consists of three parts: the Graphic Overview, the Treasurer's Report, and the Financial Recap. The Graphic Overview is presented on a quarterly basis and the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Recap are presented on a monthly basis. The Graphic Overview is for the quarter ending March 31, 2001 and the Treasurer's Report and Financial Recap are year-to-date, as of March 31, 2001.

I. GRAPHIC OVERVIEW

District investments are primarily made through the Municipality of Anchorage. Overnight repurchase agreements are made through the District's banking services and Student Activity Fund investments are made by individual schools in insured accounts. The Anchorage School District requires direct investments, in excess of any insured amount, to be collateralized at all times with United States Government guaranteed securities having a market value, plus accrued interest, which equals or exceeds the collateralized amount of the investment. The Municipality invests directly in United States Government guaranteed securities or through collateralized investments that meet District requirements.

Included on page 2 of the report is a graph representing the types of investment instruments held by the District as of March 31, 2001 except for the Student Activity Fund. In addition, a monthly comparison of cumulative interest earnings for fiscal years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is presented on page 3. The cumulative interest earnings for the three-month period ended March 31, 2001, were \$5,930,680 as compared to \$3,934,160 for the same period of time in the prior year. The increase is due to more funds being invested this year due to sale of G.O. bonds and higher interest rates during the first half of the fiscal year.

The graph on page 4 is titled Weighted Average Interest Rate for Investments Purchased. This graph compares the weighted monthly average yield on investments acquired in the current year with the figures for fiscal year 1999-2000. Interest rates had increased considerably earlier in the year but appear to be dropping dramatically since December 2000.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Anchorage School District Treasurer's Report includes a summary of the total demand deposits and investments which are at hand March 31, 2001, and a summary of the investment transactions completed during the period March 1 through 31, 2001.

The demand deposits in the General Fund reported a deficit of (\$5,453,245) due to three investments made on March 31, 2001, which total \$17,601,439 that mature after month-end. The District's banking services contract includes the investment of the bank float that provides additional interest revenue to the District. The total amount of investments on hand March 31, 2001 was \$158,360,870 and the combined total of these liquid assets consisting of the demand deposits and investments were \$152,907,625. A schedule of investments is presented on page 7.

The District transacted 87 investments during the month of March. The specific investments purchased are presented commencing with page 8 of the Treasurer's Report. The anticipated earnings for these investments are \$750,933 which will be recorded in the General, Capital Projects, and Debt Service Funds. The interest earnings on investments made by the District are recorded upon receipt of the actual interest earnings on the various dates of maturity. The interest earnings on investments made by the Municipality of Anchorage on behalf of the District are accrued on a monthly basis.

In summary, the District's investment performance for fiscal year 2000-2001 is shown by the following three-portfolio yield calculations:

- 1) The annualized End-of-Month Portfolio Yield, noted on page 7, represents the weighted average yield on investments outstanding with the District on March 31, 2001. The Annualized End-of-Month Portfolio Yield was 6.35 percent.
- 2) The Weighted Average Interest Rate for investments purchased during March was 4.68 percent and is noted on page 10.

- 3) The Year-to-Date Cumulative Yield, noted on page 10, represents the weighted average yield of all investments purchased by the District since July 1, 2000. On March 31, 2001, the Year-to-Date Cumulative Yield was 6.38 percent.

III. FINANCIAL RECAP

The Financial Recap is a summary of revenues, expenditures and encumbrances for the current fiscal year through March 31, 2001. The funds presented are the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, Food Service Special Revenue Fund, and Capital Projects Funds. The expenditures are on generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) basis rather than on a budgetary basis as in previous years. This means the expenditures include expenditures on encumbrances from the prior year. For example, the expenditure working budget includes the current year's revised budget plus the prior year encumbrances of approximately \$13.5 million. Year-to-date (YTD) expenditures, therefore, reflect expenditures from the current fiscal year and expenditures from prior year encumbrances that were carried forward. The appropriations from the prior years for these encumbrances were also carried forward.

The General Fund revised budget totals \$342.8 million as compared to the revised budget of \$328.0 million for the prior year. This includes the additional \$1,330,000 received for increased enrollment (ASD Memorandum #66, September 11, 2000) and \$3,613,570 from the \$5,047,774 additional tax appropriation (ASD Memorandum #207, February 12, 2001). The cumulative actual GAAP expenditures and encumbrances for the nine-month period ended March 31, 2001 were \$228.9 million or 64.2 percent of the \$356.3 million working budget (revised budget plus encumbrance budget).

In addition, ASD Memorandum #207, February 12, 2001 authorized an additional \$200,000 allocation to the Food Service Fund, and \$1.0 million to the Local/State/Federal Projects Fund.

The Expenditure Summary by Object report reflects additional object codes for 1000 series salary/wage accounts in compliance with the State of Alaska change in their Chart of Accounts. The State now requires reporting of certificated staff separately from non-certificated staff. Therefore, last year's actual expenditures may be in a different object code than this year's expenditure; i.e. Other Professional staff who were under object code 1180 last year are now recorded under object code 1180, other Professional Certificated and object code 1181, Other Professional Classified.

Summary and detailed budget reports are available to each school, department, and other budgetary unit on IFAS on-line with current up-to-date data. This information is available to assist in daily operations.

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Attachment

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