

Attachment B

To: Carol Comeau
From: Sharon Meacham
Re: Notes from IGNITE Pilot proposal meeting at Chugach Optional
Date: 11/28/01

This is a brief summary of the parent discussion at last night's meeting.

- 1) You reviewed previous conversations and correspondence with Chugach staff and parents. These communications indicated a genuine interest in changing the delivery of the gifted services to an in-house model. You reviewed the change in State Regulations and how this presented an opportunity for this 1 1/2-year pilot proposal. If this pilot is successful, there may be additional schools added in the future.
- 2) The parents were interested in the changes in State Regulations regarding Gifted Education. They were concerned that Gifted Services might be eliminated in the future. You reassured them that this was not the case.
- 3) You reviewed our proposed plan. You said that we would continue to serve grades two-six. You also restated the fact that we would initially pull kids out of class for their services. You reinforced our plan to use the classroom themes as the vehicle for enrichment activities. Parents expressed much interest in having math and logic applications be a strong component of this program.
- 4) You reassured parents that this delivery will not "water down" the current IGNITE program standards. You reiterated that this model should actually give students more direct and personal teaching time. Students will continue to be challenged. You explained that this opportunity allows students to develop their passions and individual strengths.
- 5) The parents said there would probably be greater opportunities for better communication between the IGNITE teacher and themselves. They indicated that they might be a mentoring resource for the identified students.
- 6) It was hoped that there would be resource meetings for the parents of identified gifted children. Parents expressed a need to have discussions about the challenges of raising a gifted child.
- 7) You mentioned student, parent, and teacher surveys as a possible way to evaluate the program. You also said that you would like to have these evaluations administered periodically for the School Board. You feel strongly that the board needs to know whether there are benefits to an in-house delivery.