

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #259 (2001-2002)

April 29, 2002

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: END-OF-MONTH MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY FOR MARCH 2002

PERTINENT FACTS:

The end-of-month membership report for March 2002 is attached (Attachment A). The total active enrollment at the end of March was 49,091. This enrollment represents an increase of 143 students compared to end of March 2001. Table 1 compares the membership totals.

TABLE 1
Comparison of
03/31/2001 Membership vs. 03/22/2002 Membership

<u>Category</u>	<u>3/30/2001</u>	<u>03/22/2002</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Elementary Schools	27,178	27,032	-146
Middle Schools	7,335	7,521	186
Senior High Schools	11,521	11,746	225
Other Secondary Schools and Programs	1,532	1,488	-44
Pre-Elementary, Level 3 Spec. Ed., and Special Services	1,382	1,304	-78
TOTAL	48,948	49,091	143

The March 22, 2002 total of 49,091 was 585 less than the beginning of the year September 30, 2001 total of 49,676.

There are six schools currently exceeding 120% capacity reported in Attachment B. Again, Ptarmigan Elementary School is over 130% capacity when the 68 Ptarmigan Elementary School kindergarten students currently housed at Chester Valley Elementary School are included in the membership total.

In addition to the schools listed in Attachment B, there are three "Other Secondary" schools (Polaris K-12, SAVE I, and Steller) with enrollment exceeding EED capacity by more than 120%, as reported in the monthly membership report (Attachment A). These schools have instructional programs configured to accommodate their students at varying times and in various ways. Some have enrollment driven by lottery, and others have school attendance in shifts. However, they are not generally considered overcrowded at this time. There is a major renovation and addition planned for Polaris K-12, but this is intended to meet program requirements of the school more than to accommodate current enrollment.

EED/ASD capacity comparisons are included as Attachment C. The EED capacities are calculated using the formula determined by the Alaska Department of Early Education and Development.

Attachments

CC/GV/RA/RB/ODS/sl

Prepared by: Ophelia Dargan-Steed, Manager, Demographics/GIS
Rick Barrier, Project Support Manager
Ray Amsden, Director of Facilities

Approved by: George Vakalis, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services