

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #74 (2002-2003)

October 14, 2002

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ENROLLMENT STATUS UPDATE

PERTINENT FACTS:

Enrollment figures as of September 30, 2002, the official membership date for the District, indicate that the Anchorage School District has exceeded the September 30, 2001 membership by 353 students. The September 30, 2002 total of 50,029 students is the largest active enrollment in the history of the Anchorage School District.

Table 1 compares the September 30, 2002 enrollment by category for this school year to the comparable figures of September 30, 2001.

TABLE 1
Comparison of
9/30/2001 Membership vs. 9/30/2002 Membership

<u>Category</u>	<u>09/30/2001</u>	<u>9/30/2002</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Elementary Schools Kindergarten	3,499	3573	74
Elementary Schools Grades 1-8	23,437	23,013	-424
Middle Schools	7,579	7,756	177
Senior High Schools	12,557	12,919	362
Other Secondary Schools and Programs	1,539	1,641	102
Pre-Elementary, Level 3 Spec. Ed., and Special Services	1,065	1,127	62
Total	49,676	50,029	353

Table 1 shows that the largest increases this school year were in the Middle School and Senior High School programs. These categories were projected for increases this school year; however, the Middle School increase was larger than expected.

It should be noted that although Kindergarten enrollment was expected to be relatively flat from last year, there was a 2.0% increase in Kindergarten students this school year. This increase cannot be explained by trends in birth rates in the Anchorage area, as these rates have been declining in recent years. Possible explanations for the increase include shifts from private to public school, migrations from rural Alaska, and immigrations from other countries.

TABLE 2

**September 30, 2002 Enrollment and
Fall Budget Projections for September 30, 2002**

Programs	Actual 9/30/2002	Original Fall Projections (Oct 2001)	Fall Budget Projections (Nov 2001)	CIP 2002-2008 Projections (March 2002)
Elementary Schools Kindergarten	3573	3,501	3,501	3,510
Elementary Schools Grades 1-8	23,013	23,099	23,164	23,118
Middle Schools	7,756	7,620	7,620	7,620
Senior High Schools	12,919	12,895	12,895	12,895
Other Secondary Schools and Programs	1,641	1,622	1,622	1,622
Pre-Elementary, Level 3 Spec. Ed., and Special Services	1,127	1,185	1,185	1,185
Total	50,029	49,922	49,987	49,950

Table 2 compares the September 30, 2002 enrollment by category to the fall projections for September 30, 2002. The fall budget projections include the additional students at Village Charter School, which were authorized by the School Board last school year, ASD Memorandum #137 (2001-2002). The CIP 2002-2008 projections are an update to the fall projections.

To review the detailed membership for each school, please refer to Attachment A.

Attachment

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