

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #206 (2002-2003)

March 3, 2003

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: END-OF-MONTH MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY FOR JANUARY  
2003

PERTINENT FACTS:

The end-of-month membership report for January 31, 2003 is attached (Attachment A). The total active enrollment at the end of January was 49,473. This represents an increase of 260 students when compared to the December 20, 2002 total of 49,215, and a decrease of 10 students from the January, 2002 enrollment. Table 1 compares the membership totals between the January 2002 and January 2003 reports:

**TABLE 1**  
**Comparison of**  
**1/31/2002 Membership vs. 1/31/2003 Membership**

<u>Category</u>	<u>1/31/2002</u>	<u>1/31/2003</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Elementary Schools	27,066	26,618	-448
Middle Schools	7,570	7,665	95
Senior High Schools	12,102	12,385	283
Other Secondary Schools and Programs	1,484	1,563	79
Pre-Elementary, Level 3 Spec. Ed., and Special Services	1,261	1,242	-19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49,483</b>	<b>49,473</b>	<b>-10</b>

The January 31, 2003 total of 49,473 was 556 less than the beginning of the year (September 30, 2002) total of 50,029. For the same time period for the 2001-2002 school year, membership declined by 213. The EED capacities used in the membership report are calculated using the formulas determined by the Alaska Department of Early Education and Development. In December 2002, the Department revised its formulas, increasing the base square footage allowance for elementary students from 110 to 114 square feet and for secondary students from 157 to 165 square feet. This change has the impact of reducing the EED capacity of elementary schools by approximately 4 percent, and secondary schools by 5 percent. Prior and current EED capacity comparisons are included as Attachment C.

Due to the lower EED capacities under the new regulation, there are more schools that are exceeding 120 percent of EED capacity. At the end of January 2003, there were ten schools at, or exceeding, 120 percent of EED capacity as reported in Attachment B. Ptarmigan Elementary School is at 138 percent of EED capacity when the 50 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 and one K-12 school (Benson SAVE, Polaris K-12, SAVE I, and Steller) with enrollment exceeding EED capacity by more than 120 percent, 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. In addition, there is a major renovation and addition planned for Polaris K-12 School.

## Attachments

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