

Revised

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #212 (2002-2003)

March 31, 2003

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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

PERTINENT FACTS:

The end-of-month membership report for February 2002, is attached (Attachment A). The total active enrollment at the end of February was 49,410. This enrollment represents an increase of 57 students compared to end of February 2002. Table 1 compares the membership totals.

TABLE 1
Comparison of
2/28/2002 Membership vs. 2/28/2003 Membership

<u>Category</u>	<u>2/28/2002</u>	<u>2/28/2003</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Elementary Schools	27,067	26,603	-464
Middle Schools	7,537	7,647	110
Senior High Schools	11,924	12,273	349
Other Secondary Schools and Programs	1,528	1,617	89
Pre-Elementary, Level 3 Spec. Ed., and Special Services	1,297	1,270	-27
TOTAL	49,353	49,410	57

The February 28, 2003 total of 49,410 was 619 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 323.

Again, due to the revised formula for calculating the DEED capacity, we show more schools that meet or exceed 120 percent of DEED capacity. There are five Elementary and five Secondary schools that currently meet or exceed 120 percent capacity. These schools, along with their capacities and memberships, are presented in Attachment B. Contrary to the membership report, Ptarmigan Elementary School is at 134 percent capacity when the 55 Ptarmigan Elementary School kindergarten students currently housed at Chester Valley Elementary School are included in their membership total.

In addition to the schools listed in Attachment B, there are four "Other Secondary" schools (Benson SAVE, Polaris K-12, SAVE I, and Steller) with enrollment exceeding DEED 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. There is a major renovation and addition planned for Polaris K-12 with phase 1 construction beginning next school year.

Prior and current DEED capacity comparisons are included as Attachment C.

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Attachments

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