

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #251 (2002-2003)

April 21, 2003

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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

PERTINENT FACTS:

The total active enrollment at the end of March was 49,135. This enrollment represents an increase of 44 students when compared to end of month March 2002. Table 1 compares the membership totals.

TABLE 1
Comparison of
03/31/2002 Membership vs. 03/31/2003 Membership

Category	3/31/2002	3/31/2003	Difference
Elementary Schools	27,032	26,581	-451
Middle Schools	7,521	7,608	87
Senior High Schools	11,746	12,076	330
Other Secondary Schools and Programs	1,488	1,581	93
Pre-Elementary, Level 3 Spec. Ed., and Special Services	1,304	1,289	-15
TOTAL	49,091	49,135	44

The March 31, 2003 total of 49,135 was 894 less than the beginning of the year September 30, 2002 total of 50,029. For the same time period for the 2001-02 school year, membership declined by 585. The attached end-of-month membership report for March 2003 (Attachment A) provides enrollment detail by school.

There are four Elementary and five Secondary schools that currently meet or exceed 120 percent of capacity. These schools, along with their capacities and memberships, are presented in Attachment B. Ptarmigan is at 139 percent of capacity, instead of 121 percent of capacity as shown in the membership report, when their 55 kindergarten students currently housed at Chester Valley 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.

Due to the revised formula for calculating the DEED capacity, prior and current DEED capacity comparisons are included as Attachment C.

Attachments

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