

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #274 (2002-2003)

May 19, 2003

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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

PERTINENT FACTS:

The total active enrollment at the end of April was 48,974. This enrollment represents a decrease of 6 students when compared to end of month April 2002. Table 1 compares the membership totals.

TABLE 1
Comparison of
04/30/2002 Membership and 04/30/2003

Category	4/30/2002	4/30/2003	Difference
Elementary Schools	27,082	26,602	-480
Middle Schools	7,525	7,576	51
Senior High Schools	11,590	11,906	316
Other Secondary Schools and Programs	1,462	1,588	126
Pre-Elementary, Level 3 Spec. Ed., and Special Services	1,321	1,302	-19
TOTAL	48,980	48,974	-6

The April 30, 2003 total of 48,974 was 1,055 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 696. The attached end-of-month membership report for March 2003 (Attachment A) provides enrollment detail by school. Attachment B shows monthly membership changes for 2001-02 and 2002-03 since September 30th for each year.

There are five Elementary and four Secondary schools that currently meet or exceed 120% of capacity. These schools, along with their capacities and memberships, are presented in Attachment B. Ptarmigan is at 135% of capacity, instead of 117% 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 C, 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 D.

Attachments

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