

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #28 (2003-2004)

September 8, 2003

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UPDATE

PERTINENT FACTS:

The total membership on the fourth day of school, September 5, 2003, was 49,024. This enrollment represents 98 percent of the 49,900 projected membership for the official membership date of September 30. Kindergarten enrollment figures are based on the number of activations to date, since Kindergarten students did not start classes until today, September 8, 2003.

Compared to the fourth day of school last year, membership is down by 469 students. Elementary schools are down by 542 students; middle schools are down by 86 students; senior high schools are down by 53 students; and other secondary schools are up by 364 students. The increase in other secondary can be attributed to the opening of two new charter schools, and the inclusion of Crossroads students who were previously reported in individual senior high schools. Attachment A provides membership detail by school.

Preliminary analysis indicates that most of the decrease in reported population has occurred due to modified registration procedures that limited activations to those students or parents that actually showed up at registration. This makes it difficult to compare this year with prior year 10-day enrollment trends. Membership has continually increased since the first day of school (1.6 percent). It is estimated membership will continue to increase by an additional 1.8 percent to arrive at 49,900, our projected membership for September 30.

Table I compares the fourth day enrollment by category for this school year to the fourth day figures from last year.

Table I
Comparison of Fourth Day Enrollment 2002-2003 vs. 2003-2004

| Category | 4 th Day 2002 | 4 th Day 2003 | Difference |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Kindergarten – Full | 3,402 | 3,446 | 44 |
| Kindergarten – Half | 68 | 65 | -3 |
| <i>Sub-Total Kindergarten</i> | 3,470 | 3,511 | 41 |
| Elementary Gr. 1-8 | 22,888 | 22,305 | -583 |
| <i>Sub-Total Elementary</i> | 26,358 | 25,816 | -542 |
| Middle Schools Gr. 6-8 | 7,742 | 7,656 | -86 |
| Senior High Schools | 12,798 | 12,745 | -53 |
| Other Secondary Gr. 7-12 | 1,536 | 1,900 | 364 |
| <i>Sub-Total Secondary</i> | 22,076 | 22,301 | 225 |
| Pre-Elementary, Level 3 Spec. Ed., Special Services | 1,059 | 907 | -152 |
| TOTAL | 49,493 | 49,024 | -469 |

Table II compares the fourth day enrollment by category for this school year to the projected figures for September 30, 2003.

Table II
Comparison of Fourth Day Enrollment and 9/30 Projected

| Category | 4 th Day 2003 | Projected 9/30 | Difference | Day 4 as a % of Projected |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Kindergarten – Full | 3,446 | 3449 | -3 | 99.9% |
| Kindergarten – Half | 65 | 72 | -7 | 90.3% |
| <i>Sub-Total Kindergarten</i> | <i>3,511</i> | <i>3,521</i> | <i>-10</i> | <i>99.7%</i> |
| Elementary Gr. 1-8 | 22,305 | 22,584 | -279 | 98.8% |
| <i>Sub-Total Elementary</i> | <i>25,816</i> | <i>26,105</i> | <i>-289</i> | <i>98.9%</i> |
| Middle Schools Gr. 6-8 | 7,656 | 7,677 | -21 | 99.7% |
| Senior High Schools | 12,745 | 12,941 | -196 | 98.5% |
| Other Secondary Gr. 7-12 | 1,900 | 1,951 | -51 | 97.4% |
| <i>Sub-Total Secondary</i> | <i>22,301</i> | <i>22,569</i> | <i>-268</i> | <i>98.8%</i> |
| Pre-Elementary, Level 3 Spec. Ed., Special Services | 907 | 1,226 | -319 | 74.0% |
| TOTAL | 49,024 | 49,900 | -876 | 98.2% |

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Attachment

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