

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #38 (2003-2004)

September 22, 2003

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ENROLLMENT STATUS UPDATE FOR FY 2003-2004

PERTINENT FACTS:

Enrollment figures as of September 15, 2003, the tenth day of school, indicate the Anchorage School District has achieved 99.2% of the revised September 30, 2003 projected membership. The September 15, 2003 total of 49,501 students is 399 students from the September 30th projected of 49,900.

Compared to the September 30th membership for last school year (2002-03), this tenth day total is down by 528 students. Please see Table 1 for the comparison.

TABLE 1
Comparison of
9/30/2002 Membership vs. 9/15/2003 Membership

Category	09/30/2002	9/15/2003	Difference
Elementary Schools			
Kindergarten	3,573	3,545	-28
Elementary Schools			
Grades 1-8	23,013	22,389	-624
Middle Schools	7,756	7,678	-78
Senior High Schools	12,919	12,844	-75
Other Secondary Schools and Programs	1,641	1,949	308
Pre-Elementary, Level 3 Spec. Ed., and Special Services	<u>1,127</u>	<u>1,096</u>	<u>-31</u>
Total	50,029	49,501	-528

Table 1 shows the increases this school year were in the Other Secondary Schools program. This category was projected for an increase this school year due to the opening of two new secondary charter schools. Increases were also projected for the middle and senior level schools. Increases in these areas are expected to continue through 2006.

Table 2 compares the September 15, 2003 enrollment by category to the revised projections for September 30, 2003. Revised student activation procedures may account for some of the decline in student numbers. However, these types of revisions help to ensure valid and comparable data are used for future planning and budgeting.

It should be noted membership numbers have increased by 2.7 percent since the first day of the ten-day period. It is anticipated membership will continue to increase through September 30th.

To review the detailed tenth day membership for each school, please refer to Attachment A.

TABLE 2

**September 15, 2003 Enrollment and
Revised Projections for September 30, 2003**

Programs	Actual 9/15/2003	Revised Budget Projections (July 2003)	Difference
Elementary Schools Kindergarten	3,545	3,521	24
Elementary Schools Grades 1-8	22,389	22,584	-195
Middle Schools	7,678	7,677	1
Senior High Schools	12,844	12,941	-97
Other Secondary Schools and Programs	1,949	1,951	-2
Pre-Elementary, Level 3 Sp. Ed., and Spec. Svcs	<u>1,096</u>	<u>1,226</u>	<u>-130</u>
Total	49,501	49,900	-399

Attachment

CC/GV/RA/ODS/rh

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