

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #157 (2003-2004)

January 12, 2004

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: END-OF-MONTH MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER
30, 2003

PERTINENT FACTS:

The total active enrollment at the end of November was 49,355. This enrollment represents a decrease of 171 students when compared to end of month November 2002. Table 1 compares the membership totals.

TABLE 1
Comparison of
11/30/2002 Membership vs. 11/30/2003 Membership

Category	11/30/2002	11/26/2003	Difference
Elementary Schools	26,559	25,941	-618
Middle Schools	7,718	7,650	-68
Senior High Schools	12,413	12,483	70
Other Secondary Schools and Programs	1,639	2,044	405
Pre-Elementary, Level 3 Spec. Ed., and Special Services	1,197	1,237	40
TOTAL	49,526	49,355	-171

The November 26, 2003 total of 49,355 was 308 less than the beginning of the year September 30, 2003 total of 49,663. For the same time period for the 2002-03 school year, membership declined by 503. The attached end-of-month membership report for November 2003 (Attachment A) provides enrollment detail by school.

There are five Elementary and six 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 119 percent of capacity as shown in the membership report, when their 63 kindergarten students currently housed at Chester Valley are included in their membership total.

There are currently plans and projects in place to alleviate overcrowding for some of the schools that have been identified as being at or above 120 percent of DEED capacity. Ptarmigan Elementary is undergoing a major addition this school year that will add 10 classrooms, including two kindergarten classrooms, and a multi-purpose room to the school. Students should be utilizing the new kindergarten classrooms in January 2004. Construction planning funding for Girdwood is in the District's recommended 2004 Bond Proposition. In addition, construction funding for Sand Lake is also included in the recommended 2004 Bond Proposition. Actual construction for Sand Lake is scheduled to begin in 2005, pending bond approval.

South Anchorage High will be opening next school year, which will reduce overcrowding at Dimond High and Service High. Construction has begun on a new high school in Eagle River that will reduce overcrowding at Chugiak High. The new school is scheduled to open in 2005-06.

Also included in Attachment B 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 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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