

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #166 (2003-2004)

January 26, 2004

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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

PERTINENT FACTS:

The end-of-month membership report for December 19, 2003 is attached (Attachment A). The total active enrollment at the end of December was 49,205. This represents a decrease of 10 students when compared to the December 21, 2002 total of 49,215. Table 1 compares the membership totals.

TABLE 1
Comparison of
12/20/2002 Membership vs. 12/19/2003 Membership

<u>Category</u>	<u>12/20/2002</u>	<u>12/19/2003</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Elementary Schools	26,554	25,916	-638
Middle Schools	7,683	7,630	-53
Senior High Schools	12,196	12,380	184
Other Secondary Schools and Programs	1,567	2,014	447
Pre-Elementary, Level 3 Spec. Ed., and Special Services	1,215	1,265	50
TOTAL	49,215	49,205	-10

The December 19, 2003 total of 49,210 was 453 less than the beginning of the year (September 30, 2003) total of 49,663. For the same time period for the 2002-2003 school year, membership declined by 814.

At the end of December 2003, there were five elementary and six secondary schools identified as at, or exceeding, 120 percent of EED capacity as reported in Attachment B. For the first time in more than two years, Ptarmigan Elementary kindergarten students are included in their school membership total in the monthly membership report. Since September 2001, the students had been housed at Chester Valley Elementary due to overcrowding, and facility renovation/construction, at Ptarmigan Elementary. The Ptarmigan kindergarten students moved into their newly constructed classrooms on January 5, 2004. Completion of the renovation/construction of the entire school is expected this spring.

In addition to the schools listed in Attachment B, there are three "Other Secondary" schools and one K-12 school (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 School with phase 1 construction beginning this 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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