

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #201 (2003-2004)

March 8, 2004

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: END-OF-MONTH MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY FOR JANUARY
2004

PERTINENT FACTS:

The end-of-month membership report for January 30, 2004 is attached (Attachment A). The total active enrollment at the end of January was 49,150. This represents a decrease of 323 students when compared to the January 31, 2003 enrollment. Table 1 compares the membership totals between the January 2003 and January 2004 reports:

TABLE 1
Comparison of
1/31/2003 Membership vs. 1/30/2004 Membership

Category	1/31/2003	1/30/2004	Difference
Elementary Schools	26,618	25,990	-628
Middle Schools	7,665	7,627	-38
Senior High Schools	12,385	12,288	-97
Other Secondary Schools and Programs	1,563	1,977	414
Pre-Elementary, Level 3 Spec. Ed., and Special Services	1,242	1,268	26
TOTAL	49,473	49,150	-323

The January 30, 2004 total of 49,150 was 513 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 556.

It should be noted that this school year is the first year high school seniors will need to have passed all parts of the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam in order to graduate and receive their diplomas. Students who earned all of their high school credits, but may have failed one or more parts of the exam, could have elected to graduate early—in January. Also, in January, the second semester begins, and, historically, the senior grade levels see increased enrollment at this time. Table 2 shows the change in membership, for the senior grade levels, from the end of December to the end of January for 2003-04 and 2002-03.

TABLE 2
Comparison of December to January Membership

Grade Level	2003-04			2002-03		
	12/19/2003	1/30/2004	Change	12/20/2002	1/31/2003	Change
Grade 9	3,681	3,736	55	3,745	3,852	107
Grade 10	3,717	3,727	10	3,349	3,449	100
Grade 11	3,235	3,227	-8	3,189	3,222	33
Grade 12	3,212	3,041	-171	3,092	3,032	-60
Total	13,845	13,731	-114	13,375	13,555	180

At the end of January 2004, there were ten schools at, or exceeding, 120 percent of EED capacity as reported in Attachment B. Dimond High is listed at 140 percent of capacity based on the new facility only. However, the school continues to use space in the old Dimond facility. 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 EED 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.

Attachments

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