

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM # 296 (2003-2004)

May 10, 2004

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH ANCHORAGE  
COMMUNITY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (ACEA)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to enter into a one year Memorandum of Agreement from July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005 with the Anchorage Community Education Association (ACEA) subject to annual review and renewal (Attachment A). It is further recommended that the School Board approve \$100,000 of "bridge funding" to assist in the transition of the community school program from the Anchorage School District to the ACEA, and that the School Board approve the forgiveness of the \$65,000 revenue obligation from ACEA for the 2003-2004 school year.

PERTINENT FACTS:

During the formulation of the FY 2004-2005 budget, the Superintendent recommended the elimination of the funding for the Community Schools Program due to a significant \$26.2 million budget shortfall. The School Board approved the recommendation. At the same time, the Superintendent and others in the Administration began meeting with members of the Anchorage Community Education Association (ACEA) Executive Committee to discuss ways that the Community Schools Program could continue in some form under the auspices of the ACEA with in kind and other support from the Anchorage School District as regulated by a joint Memorandum of Agreement.

The ACEA has met with the Administration numerous times, and with the individual Community School Advisory Committees since January. They have also worked with the Foraker Group to ascertain the most appropriate way to sever the financial ties with the Anchorage School District, while maintaining a collaborative partnership which would allow a scaled-down modified community school program to continue.

A work session was held on April 19 with the School Board and the ACEA to discuss the draft MOA and the various issues included in their report to the Superintendent and the

School Board (Attachment B). The School Board's current policy 850 which governs the use of ASD facilities by community groups, and the accompanying administrative procedures and fee structure, were also reviewed and discussed (Attachment C). All current community school coordinators would be laid off; those coordinators with the most ASD seniority and who wish to remain as ASD employees, would be allowed to "bump" less senior community school coordinators in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center Programs under the ACE negotiated agreement. They could also apply for other ASD positions, but would not be allowed "bumping" rights into other job categories.

Two aspects of the current community school program, the Bear Valley School Age Child Care Program, the Rabbit Creek Community School School Age Child Care Program and the Preschool Program, are not included in this agreement. The Superintendent has met with those two groups and will be bringing forward another set of recommendations regarding the possible continuation of these two programs to the School Board on May 24, 2004.

The Administration strongly supports these proposed recommendations and urges the School Board to support both the MOA with the ACEA and the financial recommendations to allow the ACEA to make a successful transition to a modified program.

CC

Attachments

Written/Approved by Carol Comeau, Superintendent