

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM # 289 (2003-2004)

June 28, 2004

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: FAMILY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL CHARTER CHANGES

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the proposed revisions to the Family Partnership Charter School Charter.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Academic Policy Committee (APC) of Family Partnership Charter School has approved the proposed changes to the Family Partnership Charter School (FPCS) charter. All of the proposed changes to the Charter were subjected to a mandatory period for public comment, which is the time between one regularly scheduled APC meeting and the next regularly scheduled APC meeting. That time period is usually 30 days. At the May 10, 2004, School Board meeting, parents from Family Partnership Charter School raised concerns about the inadequate notice of the proposed changes. The School Board agreed to postpone discussion of the proposed charter changes until the June 14, 2004, Board meeting. Then, at the request of the Academic Policy Committee at Family Partnership Charter School, the discussion was moved to the June 28, 2004, Board meeting.

Many of the recommended changes to the Family Partnership Charter School Charter were for clarity and accuracy. An example is the name change from the Alaska Department of Education to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development.

A substantive change to the Charter (Attachment A, pg. 4) specifies that the Chief Administrator of the school does not need to have a Type B administrative certificate. The state charter school law does not require a charter school principal or chief administrator to have a Type B administrative certificate.

The administration met with Pat Shelton, Academic Policy Committee Chair, and discussed all of the proposed changes to the Charter (Attachment A). In conjunction with this memorandum, Ms. Shelton prepared the attached documents.

Attachment A lists each individual proposed change to the Charter. Each requested change is preceded by the page number for that particular section of the Charter. The change is followed by the Academic Policy Committee's rationale for submitting the request. This document was unanimously approved by the APC on April 13, 2004.

Attachment B is a table entitled Qualifications for a Family Partnership Charter School Administrator, which compares the qualifications for acquiring a Type B certificate to the qualifications that the Academic Policy Committee of Family Partnership Charter School would seek in an administrator who did not have a Type B certificate. This document was unanimously approved by the APC on April 19, 2004.

Attachment C is a copy of the Position Vacancy Announcement (PVA) that the Academic Policy committee of Family Partnership Charter School posted for the school's chief administrator position in May 2003. This document was unanimously approved by the APC on March 28, 2003.

Attachment D incorporates all proposed changes into the complete Charter. This document and accompanying memo were given to the District's administration on March 15, 2004.

Attachment E is a copy of the current Charter.

Attachments

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