



# Monthly Update



## This month at the Anchorage School District

- **Thursday, May 19**, Dimond High School will hold the Mary Pat McDowell Library dedication at 6 p.m.
- **Monday, May 30** the district will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday.
- **Surplus materials/textbook giveaway** will take place May 23-27. Please call 742-4254 for more information.
- **Class of 2005 Graduation Schedule:**
  - 5/20 ACE (UAA), 11 a.m.**  
Frontier Charter (Grace Christian Church), 7 p.m.
  - 5/26 Whaley School (Whaley), 4 p.m.**  
ACT (BP Energy Center), 7 p.m.
  - 5/31 South Anchorage (Sullivan Arena), 7 p.m.**  
Crossroads (Loussac Library), 5 p.m.
  - 6/1 Dimond (Sullivan Arena), 2 p.m.**  
Benny Benson (UAA), 3:30 p.m.  
Chugiak (Sullivan Arena), 7 p.m.  
Family Partnership (Museum), 7 p.m.
  - 6/2 Bartlett (Sullivan Arena), 2 p.m.**  
SAVE (UAA), 6 p.m.  
West (Sullivan Arena), 7 p.m.
  - 6/3 Service (Sullivan Arena), 2 p.m.**  
East (Sullivan Arena), 7 p.m.
  - 6/6 AVAIL (Museum), 6 p.m. dinner,**  
graduation to follow  
Polaris (UAA), 7 p.m.
  - 6/7 McLaughlin Youth Center (MYC), 1 p.m.**  
Steller (UAA), 3 p.m.

## Announcements

### Minority Education Concerns Committee seeks applicants

The Minority Education Concerns Committee (MECC), which makes recommendations to the School Board relating to citizen involvement in school activities and in the education of minority students, is seeking applicants. Positions will be filled by Board appointment in August 2005. Qualifications include an interest in improving education, a willingness to attend monthly meetings and visit schools and a commitment to increase communication with the community. To apply, write or visit the Assistant Superintendent's Office or call 742-4321. Applications must be postmarked or in the school district office (4600 DeBarr Road) by June 1, 2005.

### Summer school classes start in June

Summer school is open to Anchorage School District middle and high school students in grades 7 through 12. In addition to remediation classes offered, there are enrichment classes available. The elementary summer school program will provide intensive, direct instruction to students who attend kindergarten through sixth grades in the 2004-2005 school year and who are functioning at least one year below grade level in reading, writing or mathematics. Please contact your school principal for more information on dates, times and fees or visit [www.asdk12.org/summer](http://www.asdk12.org/summer).

### Camper Host Program

Do you know someone traveling with their RV to the Anchorage area this summer? From June 10 through September 5, 2005, the Anchorage School District is looking for RV travelers to park and provide a presence at more than 40 school facilities. Parking is FREE and there are limited utilities which include: power, water, and once a week holding tank pumping. The District is looking for travelers to agree to a one-month commitment as they travel in and out of Anchorage. For more information call the District's Security and Emergency Preparedness Office at (907) 348-5170.

### Point of Pride



Gail White

Gail White, R.N., M.Ed., was recently named the 2005 Alaska School Nurse of the Year by the Alaska School Nurses Association. Ms. White has been employed at the Anchorage School District for 15 years, the last eight at Goldenview Middle School. Ms. White has a special interest in the care of students with severe allergies. Each year, she trains her fellow Goldenview staff to recognize the signs and symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction and shows them how to administer an auto-injector. She has also written an in-service training guide titled *Training Program for School Staff in the Identification and Management of an Anaphylactic Reaction* that is available for all school nurses for use in their schools. Congratulations to Gail White for her outstanding achievement!

## A Word from Carol Comeau, Superintendent



As we progress closer to the end of another school year, spring events and activities seem to accelerate all of us through the season. It's a busy time for students, teachers and staff; and by no means does the rigor of coursework or the focus on our commitment to quality education for all students diminish with the warmth of spring and approaching sunny days.

On April 29 we held our groundbreaking ceremony for the new Muldoon-area middle school. We've worked hard to bring a new middle school to northeast Anchorage. The school, which will open in fall 2007, will provide overcrowding relief for Clark, Wendler and Central middle schools. I thank the Anchorage Assembly, the Northeast Community Council, School Bonds Yes! and the entire community for all of your continued support to this important project.

In a few weeks, the Class of 2005 will cross the stage in commencement exercises. I've attended many graduation ceremonies over the years and yet I never grow tired of the pomp and circumstance and traditions. Graduation is a time to celebrate successes and new beginnings. It's wonderful to see so much optimism and hope in our young people... it's simply contagious! I encourage all of this year's graduates to enjoy their final days of high school. Cherish your friends and memories, and then start down that path and chase your dreams. We hope that we have provided you with an excellent start to a most fulfilling future.

Later this month, parents will receive the results of the standardized tests students took in March. These tests include valuable information about your student's progress toward academic goals. Students who are struggling in school may benefit from the district's summer school program. Summer school gets underway in June for middle school and high school students in grades 7-12 and this year, enrichment courses are offered as well. Our elementary summer school program provides extensive, direct instruction to K-6 students. Please contact your school principal for additional information on dates, times and fees and/or visit our web page, [www.asdk12.org/summer](http://www.asdk12.org/summer).

As always, thank you for your continued support and commitment to helping us educate all of our students for success in life. Together, I know we're making a difference.

Sincerely,  
*Carol Comeau*

## Meetings of the Anchorage School Board

agendas current as of 5/6/05

### SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA May 9, 2005 4:30 p.m. 4600 DeBarr Road, Room 320

<b>Call To Order, Roll Call</b> Jeff Friedman, Presiding <b>School Board Comments</b>	<b>Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)</b> 1. Negotiations - AEA Arbitration Update 2. Student Hearings	3. HSGQE Waivers <b>Superintendent's Update</b> <b>Adjournment</b>
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### REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA\* May 9, 2005 6:30 p.m. 4600 DeBarr Road

<b>Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute,</b> Jeff Friedman, Presiding <b>Musical Presentation</b> 1. Lake Hood Elementary School Chorus <b>Approval Of Agenda</b> <b>Announcements</b> <b>Summary of 2004-2005 Year, Tim Steele Presiding</b> <b>Awards/Recognitions/Presentations</b> 1. <b>Memo 263</b> - Pioneers Of Alaska Book Donation 2. <b>Memo 266</b> - Recognition Of High School Career Resource Advisors 3. <b>Memo 285</b> - Northwest Region Dance Teacher Of The Year 4. <b>Memo 286</b> - Alaska School Nurse Of The Year 5. Presentation: Alaska Committee For Employer Support Of The Guard and Reserve 2004 Pro Patria Award 6. Presentation: Principal/Teacher Mentoring Program <b>Special Advisory Reports</b> 1. Student Advisory Board 2. Military Delegate 3. M.E.C.C. <b>Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items</b> (30-minute time limit) <b>Consent Agenda</b>	1. Approval of Minutes a. Special Meeting - March 7, 2005 4:30 p.m. b. Regular Meeting - March 7, 2005 6:30 p.m. c. Jt. School Board/Planning/Zoning - April 7, 2005 5:30 p.m. 2. <b>Memo 256</b> - Resolution Designating May 11, 2005 As National School Nurse's Day 3. <b>Memo 269</b> - School Calendar 2006-2008 Presentation: First Place Citywide Project Citizen School Calendar Proposal (Goldenview, Central, And Romig) 4. <b>Memo 264</b> - Adoption Of Diversity Plan 5. <b>Memo 243</b> - Revision To School Board: Section 450 - Student Rights And Responsibilities (First Reading) 6. <b>Memo 300</b> - Seventh And Eighth Grade Social Studies Curriculum And Textbooks Adoption 7. <b>Memo 252</b> - Award Of Contract: Tudor Elementary School Building Upgrades 8. <b>Memo 251</b> - Award Of Contract: West High School IMC Roof Upgrades 9. <b>Memo 220</b> - Award Of Contract: Four School HVAC Upgrades (Bear Valley, Klatt, Ravenwood, And Spring Hill) 10. <b>Memo 268</b> - Award Of Contract: Mountain View	HVAC, Sprinkler And Electrical Upgrade 11. <b>Memo 226</b> - Sale Of Surplus Property 12. <b>Memo 261</b> - Personnel Report <b>Superintendent's Report</b> 1. <b>Memo 272</b> - Project Status Report 2. <b>Memo 273</b> - Facility Change Order Report And Completed Projects For The Month Of March 2005 3. <b>Memo 257</b> - Status Report: Submission Of Discretionary Grants, Third Quarter 2004-2005 School Year 4. <b>Memo 260</b> - End-Of-Month Membership Summary For March 2005 5. <b>Memo 258</b> - Out-Of-District Travel - Third Quarter Report FY 2004-2005 6. <b>Memo 259</b> - Operating Budget Transfers - March Monthly Report FY 2004-2005 7. <b>Memo 262</b> - Treasurer's Report/Financial Recap March <b>Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items</b> <b>Communications &amp; School Board Comments</b> <b>Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)</b> <b>Adjournment</b> <b>Persons wishing to be heard may call 742-4315 or sign up prior to the meeting being called to order.</b>
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### Joint Anchorage School Board/Anchorage Assembly Meeting May 13, 2005 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. City Hall, Conference Room 155

<b>Call To Order</b> <b>Roll Call</b> <b>Pledge Of Allegiance</b> <b>Minutes Of Previous Joint Meeting</b> <b>Addendum To Agenda</b>	<b>Items Of Business</b> A. Eagle River High School Drainage & Road Issues (Yosemite Drive) B. Potential Charter Changes: Salary & Emoluments Commission C. Girdwood: Crow Creek Neighborhood Development	<b>Comments</b> <b>Scheduling Of Next Joint Meeting</b> <b>Adjournment</b>
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<b>Call To Order, Roll Call</b> Jeff Friedman, Presiding <b>School Board Comments</b>	<b>Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)</b> 1. Student Hearings 2. HSGQE Waivers	<b>Superintendent's Update</b> <b>Adjournment</b>
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<b>Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute,</b> Jeff Friedman, Presiding <b>Approval Of Agenda</b> <b>Announcements</b> <b>Awards/Recognitions/Presentations</b> 1. <b>Memo 289</b> - Recognition: Presidential Excellence Award For Math And Science 2. <b>Memo 295</b> - Pencils Full Of Stars 3. <b>Memo 304</b> - Recognition: Healthy Futures/Heart Run 4. <b>Memo 305</b> - Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship Recipients 5. <b>Memo 306</b> - Spirit of Youth Recognition 6. Presentation: Healthy Futures Challenge 7. Presentation: Rural Exchange Program Chevak-Central Students <b>Special Advisory Reports</b> 1. Student Advisory Board 2. Military Delegate 3. M.E.C.C. <b>Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items</b> (30-minute time limit) <b>Consent Agenda</b> 1. Approval of Minutes: a. Special Meeting - March 28, 2005 4:30 p.m.	b. Regular Meeting - March 28, 2005 6:30 p.m. c. Special Meeting - April 11, 2005 4:30 p.m. d. Regular Meeting - April 11, 2005 6:30 p.m. e. Special Meeting - April 21, 2005 12:00 p.m. 2. <b>Memo 274</b> - 2005-2006 Hazardous Transportation Recommendations 3. <b>Memo 243</b> - Revision To School Board: Section 450 - Student Rights And Responsibilities (Second Reading) 4. <b>Memo 275</b> - Award Of Contract: King Career Center Heating Piping Revisions 5. <b>Memo 283</b> - Award Of Contract: Chester Valley Elementary School Roof Upgrades 6. <b>Memo 287</b> - Award Of Contract: East Anchorage High School Renovation Project Phase 4A, Site Work Improvements 7. <b>Memo 292</b> - Award Of Contract: Yosemite Drive Turn Lane Improvements At Veterans Parkway 8. <b>Memo 298</b> - Award Of Contract: Chugiak Elementary School Mechanical Upgrades 9. <b>Memo 299</b> - Award Of Contract: Benny Benson Secondary School Fire Protection System Repair 10. <b>Memo 291</b> - Approval Of Contract: Dimond High School Replacement Phase 2 - Demolition, Traffic Safety Upgrades 11. <b>Memo 276</b> - Personnel Report	<b>Superintendent's Report</b> 1. <b>Memo 277</b> - Third Quarter Parent/Teacher Conference Report 2. <b>Memo 278</b> - Third Quarter Suspension/Weapons/Expulsion Report 2004-2005 3. <b>Memo 293</b> - Service High School Freshman Academy 4. <b>Memo 279</b> - Project Status Report 5. <b>Memo 280</b> - End-of-Month Membership Report For April 2005 6. <b>Memo 281</b> - Operating Budget Transfers - April Monthly Report FY 2004-2005 7. <b>Memo 282</b> - Treasurer's Report/Financial Recap: April 30, 2005 <b>Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items</b> <b>Communications &amp; School Board Comments</b> <b>Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)</b> <b>Adjournment</b> <b>Persons wishing to be heard may call 742-4315 or sign up prior to the meeting being called to order.</b>
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MECC: The mission of the Minority Education Concerns Committee (MECC) is to serve as the voice for families in the Anchorage School District and to promote educational success for minority students. The MECC meets the third Thursday of every month at 12 noon at 4600 DeBarr Road, Room 320.

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