

Monthly Update




Anchorage School District

Calendar

- Oct. 16** — End of first quarter. In-service day, no school for students.
- Oct. 28-29** — Parent conference days. School schedules and student release times vary. Check with your school for specific schedule.
- Oct. 30** — In-service day, no school for students.
- Nov. 26-27** — Thanksgiving break. All schools and offices closed.


Announcements

Parent access to student records

 <https://parentconnect.asdk12.org>

Parents now have access to their child's progress, assignments, grades and daily attendance records 24-hours a day. It's part of a ParentConnect portal inside Zangle, the district's new computerized student information system. As the system becomes more fully integrated, more features for parents will be added like the ability to register students online, and check on fines and fees among other options. All information is securely available through an Internet connection via a password-protected site. Parents may obtain their password and assistance through their child's school. Elementary passwords will be distributed at this month's parent conferences.


H1N1 update

 www.asdk12.org/EPrep/flu.asp


To reduce transmission of the H1N1 virus in schools and the community, students, faculty or staff with influenza-like illness (fever with a cough or sore throat) should stay home and not attend school, after-school activities, or go into the community except to seek medical care until they are feeling better and without fever for at least 24 hours.

Beginning in November, the district plans to hold H1N1 vaccination clinics at all ASD schools. In order to receive the vaccine, each child must submit a signed parental permission form in to the school office. Parents should keep an eye out for this permission form being sent home this month.

Let ASD news come to you

-  www.asdk12.org/newsletters
- **Twitter** – Follow ASD_Info or ASD_Closures
 - **Facebook** – Become a fan of ASD at Facebook.com/AnchorageSchoolDistrict
 - **ASD Connect** – Monthly e-newsletter available by subscribing at www.asdk12.org/newsletters
 - **E-mail lists** – Our "traditional" e-mail subscription lists are also still available for closures, news and board announcements.

Grade ASD staff

 www.asdk12.org/parents

ASD would like your feedback on the performance of our teachers and administrators. Online evaluation input forms are available on the district's Web site. The information will be shared with the appropriate supervisor and may be shared with that individual. The information provided by students, parents, community members and staff may be utilized by the supervisor in better understanding how others view the performance of the individual upon whom you are commenting. People wishing to remain

A Word from Carol Comeau, Superintendent

I love living in Alaska, particularly here in Anchorage. I think members of our community do a good job of taking care of each other. People often come to the assistance of others, not because it's their job, but because they want to improve the welfare of others. In the past few weeks, I've heard wonderful stories of good Samaritans and I'd like to share them with you.

Panna Jarussi, the school nurse at Service High School, was one of the first people to respond to a serious car accident involving a student a short distance from Service one Monday afternoon in late September. She kept the student's airway open and shielded him from the news cameras while directing others to assist until police and paramedics arrived.

Later that same week, Lisa Sutherlin, the school nurse at Huffman Elementary School, administered CPR and the life-saving shock of a portable defibrillator to a man who had stopped breathing and collapsed in an apparent heart attack following Huffman's Family Fun Run. Roy Welch, an event attendee, assisted Ms. Sutherlin in her life-saving efforts.

A few days later, Carole Johansen, a Family Consumer Science teacher at Mears Middle School, successfully performed emergency assistance on a student who was choking on a piece of his lunch that lodged in his throat.

I'm proud to say that Ms. Jarussi, Ms. Sutherlin and Ms. Johansen are Anchorage School District employees. We're honored to have such quality individuals working with the students of our community. The district will formally recognize them for their life-saving actions at the Anchorage School Board's October 19 meeting. I'm sure these folks would say that they were just doing their jobs and wouldn't ask for special credit for their heroic actions. I hope everyone in our community appreciates them and everyone else who strives to make our home a better place for all.

Most sincerely,

Carol Comeau



Meetings of the Anchorage School Board

Agendas current as of 10/2/09. Subject to change.

MEETING IS BROADCAST LIVE* ON CABLE CHANNEL 14; SEE REBROADCAST SCHEDULE BELOW

MEETING — AGENDA Oct. 12, 2009 4:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Conference Room 150

<p><i>Call To Order, Roll Call</i> – John Steiner, Presiding</p> <p><i>Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uncontested Student Hearings 2. HSGQE Waivers 3. Negotiations Update 	<p><i>School Board Comments</i></p> <p><i>Superintendent's Update</i></p> <p><i>Adjournment</i></p>
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REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA* Oct. 12, 2009 6:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Boardroom

<p><i>Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute</i> – John Steiner, Presiding</p> <p><i>Approval Of Agenda</i></p> <p><i>Awards/Recognitions/Presentations</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kincaid Coyote Choir, Lesli Olson, director 2. Healthy Futures Presentation 3. Recognition - Paralympic Sports Program <p><i>Announcements</i></p> <p><i>Special Advisory Reports</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student Advisory Board 2. Military Delegate 3. M.E.C.A.C. <p><i>Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items (30-minute time limit)</i></p> <p><i>Board Committee Reports</i></p> <p><i>Consent Agenda</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Early Meeting - September 14, 2009 (REVISED) b. Early Meeting - September 28, 2009 2. Memo 39 - Naming of the South Anchorage High School Baseball Field in Honor of Taylor Young 3. Memo 84 - Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) FY 2008-2009 4. Memo 109 - Nomination of Tim Steele for AASB School Board Member of the Year - 2009 5. Memo 68 - Resolution in Support of School Bus Safety Week, October 19-23, 2009 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Memo 69 - Resolution Designating October 19-23, 2009 as Red Ribbon Week for Anchorage School District 7. Memo 70 - Resolution in Support of Keeping The Lights On After School – October 22, 2009 8. Memo 134 - School Board Policy Revision: Section 114, Nondiscrimination and Harassment, First Reading 9. Memo 110 - Acceptance of Contract: Construction Education Foundation for Anchorage Construction Academy 10. Memo 89 - Acceptance of Grant Award: Alaskans for Better Choices 11. Memo 71 - Acceptance of Continuation Grant Award: Reading is FUNdamental, Inc. 12. Memo 88 - Acceptance of Continuation Grant Award: Comprehensive Behavioral Health Prevention and Early Intervention Services 13. Memo 94 - Acceptance of Continuation Contract Agreement: The Alaska Initiative for Community Engagement 14. Memo 92 - Acceptance of Grant Award: Foreign Language Assistance Program – Project MIR (Mission is Russian) Expansion: Pipeline to Superior Proficiency 15. Memo 108 - Acceptance of Grant Award: Alaska Humanities Forum, Picturing Alaska/Picturing Anchorage 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Memo 135 - Acceptance of Grant Award: Cultural Collaboration Project, Stellar Secondary School 17. Memo 132 - Approval of Pilot Program: Elementary Social Studies – Grades 4,5 and 6 18. Memo 65 - Personnel Report <p><i>Superintendent's Report</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Memo 129 - Districtwide Educational Specifications Update 2. Memo 67 - Project Status Report 3. Memo 66 - Enrollment Status Update for September 30, 2009 4. Memo 72 - Anchorage School District Improvement Plan for the 2009-2010 School Year 5. Memo 73 - Certificated Recruitment Report 2009-2010 6. Memo 57 - Substitute Status Report for 2008-2009 7. Memo 74 - Monthly Update Student Information System - Zangle <p><i>Persons To Be Heard On Non-agenda Items</i></p> <p><i>Communications & School Board Comments</i></p> <p><i>Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)</i></p> <p><i>Adjournment</i></p>
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MEETING—AGENDA* Oct. 19, 2009 4:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Conference Room 150

<p><i>Call To Order, Roll Call</i> – John Steiner, Presiding</p> <p><i>Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uncontested Student Hearings 2. HSGQE Waivers 3. Negotiations Update 	<p><i>School Board Comments</i></p> <p><i>Superintendent's Update</i></p> <p><i>Adjournment</i></p>
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<p><i>Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute</i> – John Steiner, Presiding</p> <p><i>Approval Of Agenda</i></p> <p><i>Awards/Recognitions/Presentations</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bartlett High School Choir, Liesl Davenport-Wheeler, Director 2. Memo 130 - Recognition – September Good Samaritans <p><i>Announcements</i></p> <p><i>Special Advisory Reports</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student Advisory Board 2. Military Delegate 3. M.E.C.A.C. <p><i>Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items (30-minute time limit)</i></p> <p><i>Board Committee Reports</i></p> <p><i>Consent Agenda</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Early Meeting - October 12, 2009 2. Memo 86 - Resolution in Support of Alaska Native/American Indian Heritage Month 3. Memo 131 - Approval of Health Center at Clark Middle School 4. Memo 133 - Adoption of Tentative Agreement: Bus Drivers and Attendants Unit, General Teamsters Local #959, 2009-2012 5. Memo 134 - School Board Policy Revision: Section 114, Nondiscrimination and Harassment, Second Reading 6. Memo 79 - Personnel Report <p><i>Superintendent's Report</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Memo 80 - Project Status Report 2. Memo 77 - Conflict of Interest Report – First Quarter FY 2009-2010 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Memo 78 - Facility Contract Modification Report and Completed Projects for the Month of September 2009 4. Memo 82 - Operating Budget Transfers – July – September Monthly Report FY 2009-2010 5. Memo 83 - Out-of-District Travel – First Quarter Report FY 2009-2010 6. Memo 85 - Profile of Performance 7. Memo 87 - Student Membership Projections for September 30, 2009 <p><i>Persons To Be Heard On Non-agenda Items</i></p> <p><i>Communications & School Board Comments</i></p> <p><i>Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)</i></p> <p><i>Adjournment</i></p>
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WORK SESSION—AGENDA* Nov. 2, 2009 5:00–8:00 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Boardroom 150

<p><i>Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute</i> – John Steiner, Presiding</p> <p><i>Announcements</i></p>	<p><i>Discussion</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FY 2010-2011 Budget 	<p><i>School Board Comments</i></p> <p><i>Adjournment</i></p>
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The meeting will be aired live on cable channel 14 and will be rebroadcast Nov. 4 at 5 p.m., Nov. 5 & 7 at 12:30 p.m. and Nov. 8 at 7:30 a.m.

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MECAC: The mission of the Multicultural Education Concerns Advisory Committee (MECAC) is to serve as the voice for families in the Anchorage School District and to promote educational success for minority students. The MECAC meets on the third Thursday of every month at 4:30 p.m. at 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Conference Room 150.

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