

Monthly Update



Anchorage School District

Calendar

Nov. 11 – Veterans Day

Nov. 26-27 – Thanksgiving break, all ASD schools and offices closed.

Dec. 18 – End of second quarter. In-service day, no school for students.

Dec. 21-Jan. 1 – Winter break, all schools closed.

Dec. 29-Jan. 1 – All district support and administrative offices closed.

Announcements

H1N1 school-based vaccination clinic schedule

www.asdk12.org/EPrep/flu.asp

Due to limited availability of the H1N1 vaccine in the state of Alaska, the district is forced to revise its vaccination plan originally developed by ASD and city officials. The school-based vaccination clinics began on Nov. 2 as scheduled at all elementary schools. Middle, high and secondary alternative school clinics are now slated to begin in December when deliveries of the vaccine are expected to be more robust. The district will continue to work closely with city and state officials regarding school-based vaccination clinics and vaccine availability.

Each school will notify parents and guardians of the clinic date scheduled for their school. The vaccine is not mandatory and will only be given to students on scheduled clinic dates with signed parent/guardian permission.

Share your budget ideas

www.asdk12.org/events/CommunityForum.asp

The district will hold a series of community forums to gather thoughts and suggestions regarding the district's 2010-11 budget. All forums will be held 7-9 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 16 – Mears Middle School

Thursday, Nov. 19 – Girdwood School

Monday, Nov. 30 – Gruening Middle School

Wednesday, Dec. 2 – Wendler Middle School

Comments and questions may also be submitted online through the comment box or directly to the superintendent's office.

Celebrating Alaska Native and American Indian culture

www.asdk12.org/events/native.asp

www.asdk12.org/channel14 for ASD-TV schedule

This month, ASD staff and students are recognizing the contributions of Alaska Natives and American Indians throughout the history of Alaska and the United States. A number of activities and celebrations are scheduled to commemorate November as Alaska Native and American Indian Heritage Month. Many schools are welcoming elders, artists and speakers into the classroom to share their stories and arts with students. ASD-TV cable channel 14 will broadcast more than two dozen programs highlighting Alaska Native and American Indian lifestyles.

Some programs include:

- Alaska-Aleut Evacuation - A story of the Aleut interment during WW II
- Alaska Native Heritage Center High School Program video
- Kuwoot yas.Ein - His Spirit is Looking Out From the Cave
- Long Journey Home - Keepers of the Treasures of Alaska
- Siulipta Paिताat - Our Ancestor's Heritage & Journey of Discovery - history of the Bering Land Bridge
- Uncle Sam's Men - The story of the Territorial Guard

A complete program schedule is available on the district's Web site.

A Word from Carol Comeau, Superintendent

The first day of school is unforgettable, as is the last day when students begin the next phases of their lives with diplomas in hand. To me, every day is the day to celebrate achievements made by our students. That's because every day of the school year, our students, staff and parents are working hard to build skills that carry students forward to end-of-the-year success.

The district compiles the entire year of demographics, statistics and test scores and combines it all into one document called *Profile of Performance*. This document contains a districtwide overview as well as detailed results for each of the district's 99 schools. If you are looking for specific information regarding district assessments, please log on to the district's Web site for the complete report. This document contains a thorough report on the status of the school district and also tracks how well we're doing on goals set by the Anchorage School Board.

Profile of Performance contains 2,320 pages of comprehensive information. I know that can be a little cumbersome for many of you so we created a summary report of some of the highlights of the document. It's called *Expect the Best* and it will be published as an insert in the Anchorage Daily News on November 15. It is also available online at www.asdk12.org/depts/expect_the_best. I encourage you to take the time to read this document as it shows some of the successes and challenges the district must face in the coming years.

I'm proud to report that our graduation rate continues to increase and is now above 70 percent, while our dropout rate continues to decline and now is 3.5 percent. I applaud the efforts undertaken to achieve these improvements but acknowledge that we do need to do better. Our efforts to lead students to diplomas aren't solely dedicated to high schools; our middle, elementary and even preschool educators are focused and determined to do whatever it takes to provide a quality education to all of our students, and I believe it's working. Our students are receiving an excellent education in the Anchorage School District.

Thank you for your continued support and for partnering with us for the success of our students.

Most sincerely,

Carol Comeau



Meetings of the Anchorage School Board

Agendas current as of 11/2/09. Subject to change.

MEETING IS BROADCAST LIVE* ON CABLE CHANNEL 14; SEE REBROADCAST SCHEDULE BELOW REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA* Nov. 9, 2009 6:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Boardroom

Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute – John Steiner, Presiding
Approval Of Agenda

Awards/Recognitions/Presentations

1. West High School Chamber Singers, director, Chris More
2. **Memo 107** - Graduation Coaches 1st Quarter Data Presentation
3. ASD Presentation - Video Clip for ELL parents
4. **Memo 146** - Recognition - Blood Bank of Alaska
5. **Memo 148** - Recognition – 2009 Alaska History Teacher of the Year, Lynda Leal
6. ASD Recognition – Professional and Continuing Education Department at UAA Dale Normandin Stephen Brown

Announcements

Special Advisory Reports

1. Student Advisory Board
2. Military Delegate
3. M.E.C.A.C.

Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items (30-minute time limit)

Board Committee Reports

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting - October 12, 2009
 - b. Early Meeting - October 19, 2009

2. **Memo 91** - Resolution in Support of Principal Appreciation Day
3. **Memo 100** - Resolution in Recognition of American Education Week for All School Employees
4. **Memo 153** - Appointment of Controversial Issues Review Committee Members
5. **Memo 101** - Acceptance of Continuation Grant Award: Reading First
6. **Memo 138** - Acceptance of Grant Award: Manning Family Foundation
7. **Memo 154** - Acceptance of Contract Agreement: Cook Inlet Tribal Council Second Order Prevention Project
8. **Memo 97** - Award of Contract: Consultant Services for Job Order Contracting
9. **Memo 136** - Award of Contract: Bartlett High School Fire Door Replacement Project
10. **Memo 141** - Professional Services Selection for Districtwide IT Network Refurbishment
11. **Memo 142** - Acquisition of Additional Property For Southwest Anchorage Area Elementary School
12. **Memo 143** - Approval of Change Order: Clark Middle School
13. **Memo 144** - Approval of Allocation of Funds for Mears Middle School Special Education Classroom Upgrade Change Order
14. **Memo 145** - Approval of Change Order: Chester Valley Elementary School Addition and Renovation

15. **Memo 147** - Conflict of Interest Waiver – Carolyn LaVon Bridges
 16. **Memo 98** - Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Financial Planning
 17. **Memo 104** - Personnel Report
- Superintendent's Report*
1. **Memo 105** - Project Status Report
 2. **Memo 81** - Treasurer's Report/Financial Recap: September 30, 2009
 3. **Memo 99** - Status Report: Submission of Discretionary Grants, First Quarter 2009-2010 School Year
 4. **Memo 102** - First Quarter End-of-Month Membership Summary – October 31, 2009
 5. **Memo 103** - Facility Contract Modification Report and Completed Projects for the Month of October 2009
 6. **Memo 106** - Monthly Update Student Information System – Zangle
 7. **Memo 140** - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Update (Stimulus Funds)
- Persons To Be Heard On Non-agenda Items Communications & School Board Comments Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation) Adjournment*

Persons wishing to be heard may call 742-4315 or sign up prior to the meeting being called to order.

The meeting will be aired live on cable channel 14 and will be rebroadcast Nov. 11 at 5 p.m., Nov. 12 & 14 at 12:30 p.m. and Nov. 15 at 7:30 a.m.

MEETING—AGENDA* Nov. 23, 2009 4:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Conference Room 150

Call To Order, Roll Call – John Steiner, Presiding
Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)

1. Uncontested Student Hearings
2. HSGQE Waivers
3. Negotiations Update

School Board Comments Superintendent's Update Adjournment

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Public Testimony

1. Public Testimony Regarding Upcoming AEA Negotiation

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Board Committee Reports

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting - October 19, 2009
 2. **Memo 75** - Charter Changes for Family Partnership Charter School
 3. **Memo 155** - Award of Contract: Hockey Officiating Services
 4. **Memo 112** - Personnel Report
- Superintendent's Report*
1. **Memo 113** - Project Status Report
 2. **Memo 77** - Conflict of Interest Report – First Quarter FY 2009-2010

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Persons wishing to be heard may call 742-4315 or sign up prior to the meeting being called to order.

The meeting will be aired live on cable channel 14 and will be rebroadcast Nov. 25 at 5 p.m., Nov. 26 & Nov. 28 at 12:30 p.m. and Nov. 29 at 7:30 a.m.

SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA Dec. 3, 2009 9:00 a.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Boardroom

Call To Order, Roll Call – John Steiner, Presiding
School Board Comments

Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)

1. Superintendent's Evaluation

Adjournment

* The meetings will be closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. The agendas are available in Braille by calling 742-4153. The ASD telephone number is 742-4000. A message may be left after hours. Meeting podcasts are available at www.asdk12.org.

For more information

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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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