



# Anchorage School District

East High School Swing Choir, directed by Teacher Janie Lidey, performed Christmas selections to staff at the ASD Education Center earlier this month.

## MONTHLY UPDATE

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

**Dec. 21 – Jan. 1** – Winter break. All ASD schools closed.

**Dec. 24 – Jan. 1** – District administrative offices closed.

## Message from the Superintendent

As December comes to a close, it's a natural time to reflect back on the year. We have much to celebrate and many accomplishments to take pride in. There have also been challenges where each of us has needed a helping hand, but together, we worked through tough times and are better people for it.

Early this week, the unimaginable happened. One of our students was brutally attacked and police report it was at the hands of another student. Three passersby; two students and a community member, witnessed the incident on the edge of school grounds, tried to stop the assault and called for help. School staff and police responded and took immediate action.

The high school, normally bustling with more than 1,800 students, was on lunch break at the time. Service High School staff implemented emergency procedures right away to protect the students already inside of the building and those coming back from lunch. Administrators worked closely with Anchorage Police to ensure the safety of the student body and school staff for the following 75 minutes until the suspect was taken into custody.

We make safety of our students and staff a top priority and we have a very good working relationship with law enforcement and the Anchorage Fire Department. I do believe our schools are safe. We regularly practice emergency procedures so we are prepared to effectively respond to a crisis situation.

A week prior to the incident, Service staff and students practiced the very emergency procedures that were implemented on Monday and by all accounts, staff and students acted appropriately and remained calm throughout the incident.

I am very proud of the actions that Principal Lou Pondolino, his staff and students took this week. I believe the courageous acts of fellow students and Mr. Kenneth Schulz saved a young woman's life, and for that, I am grateful.

I also am thankful for all ASD staff this holiday season. Their day-to-day activities are adding up to a quality education for our students. The military servicemen and women, their families and all of those deployed are also in my thoughts, as well as those having a difficult time and in need of our assistance.

I truly appreciate this community's support of our staff and students. Your partnership with the district is vital to our success.

Please take time this holiday season to appreciate those around you and share quality time with your loved ones.

Most sincerely,

*Carol Comeau*



## Meetings of the Anchorage School Board Agendas current as of 12/11/09. Subject to change.

**MEETING IS BROADCAST LIVE\* ON CABLE CHANNEL 14;  
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### MEETING—AGENDA\* Dec. 14, 2009 4:00 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Conference Room 150

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| <p><b>Call To Order, Roll Call</b> – John Steiner, Presiding</p> <p><b>Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eagle River Roof Litigation Settlement</li> <li>Uncontested Student Hearings</li> <li>HSGQE Waivers</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Negotiations Update</li> </ol> <p><b>School Board Comments</b></p> <p><b>Superintendent's Update</b></p> <p><b>Adjournment</b></p> |
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### REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA\* Dec. 14, 2009 6:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Boardroom

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| <p><b>Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute</b> – John Steiner, Presiding</p> <p><b>Approval Of Agenda</b></p> <p><b>Awards/Recognitions/Presentations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bartlett High School Jazz Band, director, Philip Walters</li> <li>ASD Presentation - Dimond High School – Engineering Academy, Cheryl Guyett</li> <li>ASD Presentation - Bond Survey – Dave Dittman</li> </ol> <p><b>Announcements</b></p> <p><b>Special Advisory Reports</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Advisory Board</li> <li>Military Delegate</li> <li>M.E.C.A.C.</li> </ol> <p><b>Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items (30-minute time limit)</b></p> <p><b>Board Committee Reports</b></p> <p><b>Consent Agenda</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of Minutes             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early Meeting - November 23, 2009</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>Memo 114</b> - 2010 Legislative Priorities</li> <li><b>Memo 111</b> - NCLB Title I School Improvement Funds For FY 2009-2010</li> <li><b>Memo 151</b> - AK Native Cultural Charter School Renewal Application</li> <li><b>Memo 152</b> - Rilke Schule German School of Arts and Science Renewal Application</li> <li><b>Memo 156</b> - Acceptance of Grant Award: Mears Middle School PTSA Teacher Grants</li> <li><b>Memo 159</b> - Acceptance of Grant Award: Avant-Garde Learning Foundation</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Memo 123</b> - Approval of Funding for Capital Projects Using Interest Earnings and Project Balances</li> <li><b>Memo 150</b> - Award of Contract: Baysshore, Bear Valley and O'Malley Elementary Schools Energy Conservation Measures</li> <li><b>Memo 116</b> - Personnel Report</li> </ol> <p><b>Superintendent's Report</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Memo 117</b> - Project Status Report</li> <li><b>Memo 121</b> - First Quarter Parent/Teacher Conference Report 2009-2010</li> <li><b>Memo 158</b> - 2010 General Obligation Bond Discussion</li> <li><b>Memo 124</b> - Facility Contract Modification Report and Completed Projects for the Month of November 2009</li> <li><b>Memo 125</b> - Operating Budget Transfers – October Monthly Report FY 2009-2010</li> <li><b>Memo 126</b> - Treasurer's Report/Financial Recap: October 31, 2009</li> <li><b>Memo 128</b> - Monthly Update Student Information System - Zangle</li> </ol> <p><b>Persons To Be Heard On Non-agenda Items</b></p> <p><b>Communications &amp; School Board Comments</b></p> <p><b>Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)</b></p> <p><b>Adjournment</b></p> |
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*The meeting will be aired live on cable channel 14 and will be rebroadcast Dec.16 at 5 p.m., Nov. 17 & 19 at 12:30 p.m. and Nov. 20 at 7:30 a.m.*

### JOINT ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY/ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING December 18, 2009 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Board Room

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| <p><b>Call to Order</b></p> <p><b>Roll Call</b></p> <p><b>Pledge of Allegiance</b></p> <p><b>Minutes of Previous Joint Meeting</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly-ASD Joint Meeting of September 25</li> </ol> <p><b>Addendum to Agenda</b></p> <p><b>Items of Business</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget Process FY 2010-2011</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential Bond Proposals</li> <li>ASD Legislative Priorities</li> <li>Community Use of ASD Library Computers</li> </ol> <p><b>Comments</b></p> <p><b>Schedule of Upcoming Joint Meetings</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Quarter –</li> <li>Second Quarter –</li> </ol> <p><b>Adjournment</b></p> |
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### SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA Jan. 2, 2010 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Conf. Rm. 007

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| <p><b>Call To Order, Roll Call</b>– John Steiner, Presiding</p> <p><b>School Board Comments</b></p> <p><b>Executive Session – (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Superintendent's Evaluation</li> </ol> <p><b>Adjournment</b></p> |  |
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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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