



# Anchorage School District

## MONTHLY UPDATE

**Jan. 18** – Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday, observed. All district schools and offices closed. Community day of service.

### Message from the Superintendent

In education, we are able to celebrate the new year twice, once in early fall when a new school year begins, and again on Jan. 1 when a new calendar year begins. I'm excited to see what this year will bring and look forward to a great second semester of school.

The next few months will bring many achievements as well as many challenges. Students will have to pass rigorous exams and homework assignments. But I know they are receiving quality schooling and believe that they will succeed. Also, the district as a whole will have to pass on a balanced budget to the Anchorage Assembly for approval. This budget will include substantial reductions. The school board will begin budget work sessions on Jan. 19. Public testimony is welcome at any of our budget meetings on Jan. 19-20, 28 and Feb. 4. Our school system benefits everyone in this community and I encourage staff, students, and residents to speak up if they have ideas that could create efficiencies as well as suggestions of support for various budget categories.

I also encourage everyone in this community to provide a day of service on Monday, Jan. 18. Volunteers give thousands of hours of service to our classrooms each year. We are very appreciative and know our schools are better for it. On Martin Luther King, Jr. day, I hope you will give back to our community in some way.

Our students also recognize the value of volunteers, as shown by Chugiak Elementary School students:

*"Volunteers are very kind, and nice, and smiley. They are also very responsible, like they never run in the halls because that is against school rules!"*

– Lindsey, second grade

*"Volunteers help the normal people do stuff. My mom makes my lunch for me and feeds me dinner. My mom is the volunteer in my house."*

– Gage, first grade



*"The best part of a volunteer is when they help pass out food at our class party."*

– Nikita, second grade

*"Volunteer means that they help. Shannon's mom does all the laminating for my class. Chayton's mom does all the cooking. I'm not sure whose mom sweeps."*

– Madison, second grade

Most sincerely,

*Carol Comeau*

### Meetings of the Anchorage School Board

Agendas current as of 1/8/10. Subject to change.

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

**MEETING—AGENDA\* Jan. 11, 2010 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

**School Board Comments**  
**Superintendent's Update**  
**Adjournment**

**REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA\* Jan 11, 2010 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. Ravenwood Choir, director, Richard Lum
2. **Memo 163** - Recognition of the 2009 Alaska Assistant Principal of the Year, Craig Walker
3. **Memo 119** - Presentation of AT&T Grant – Graduation Connections
4. **Memo 164** - Recognition of Mt. Iliamna's Support of Military Employee
5. **Memo 174** - Recognition of 2009 National Educator Certification Recipients

**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 - November 9, 2009
  - b. Early Meeting - December 14, 2009
2. **Memo 165** - Resolution in Support of Martin Luther King Day
3. **Memo 213** - Resolution in Support of a School Board Candidate Forum
4. **Memo 115** - Superintendent Evaluation and Contract
5. **Memo 185** - Reappointment of Members to the Multicultural Education Concerns Advisory Committee
6. **Memo 188** - Acceptance of Grant Award: Anchorage Alternative Schools Mini-Grants

7. **Memo 191** - Acceptance of Grant Award: AT&T Grant – Graduation Connections
8. **Memo 166** - Sale of Surplus Property
9. **Memo 169** - Personnel Report

**Superintendent's Report**

1. **Memo 170** - Project Status Report
2. **Memo 171** - Treasurer's Report/Financial Recap: November 30, 2009
3. **Memo 175** - Monthly Update Student Information System - Zangle

**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 Jan. 13 at 5 p.m., Jan. 14 & 16 at 12:30 p.m. and Jan. 17 at 7:30 a.m.*

**MEETING—AGENDA\* Jan. 25, 2010 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

**School Board Comments**  
**Superintendent's Update**  
**Adjournment**

**REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA\* Jan 25, 2010 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. Goldenview Middle School Band, Director, Carolyn Valiquette
2. **Memo 118** - Recognition of the Fall 2008 Denali Award Recipients
3. **Memo 168** – Recognition Janet Stokesbary, 2009 School Business Official of the Year
4. **Memo 186** – Recognition Lye-Yeng Wong, Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy
5. **Memo 193** – Recognition for Dimond High Engineering Academy – Jennifer Childress

**Announcements**

**Special Advisory Reports**

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

**Board Committee Reports**

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Regular Meeting - November 23, 2009
  - b. Regular Meeting - December 14, 2009
  - c. Early Meeting - January 11, 2010
2. **Memo 176** - Resolution Honoring Elizabeth Peratovich Day
3. **Memo 137** - Award of Contract: Service High School Renewal General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM) Pre Construction Services
4. **Memo 149** - Award of Contract: Netbooks and Netbook Carts

5. **Memo 189** - Award of Contract: Xerographic Paper
6. **Memo 190** - Award of Contract: Classroom Furniture
7. **Memo 177** - Personnel Report

**Superintendent's Report**

1. **Memo 178** - Project Status Report
2. **Memo 167** - West High & Romig Middle Schools Master Planning Project Update
3. **Memo 127** - Annual Report of Exempt Purchases
4. **Memo 172** - Out-of-District Travel – Second Quarter Report FY 2009-2010
5. **Memo 173** - Operating Budget Transfers November Monthly Report FY 2009-2010
6. **Memo 179** - Treasurer's Report / Financial Recap: December 31, 2009
7. **Memo 180** - Operating Budget Transfers – December Monthly Report FY 2009-2010
8. **Memo 181** - Conflict of Interest – Second Quarter Report FY 2009-2010
9. **Memo 183** - Facility Contract Modification Report and Completed Projects for the Month of December 2009

**Persons To Be Heard On Non-agenda Items Communications & School Board Comments**

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

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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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