

Indian Education Program

Anchorage School District
September/October 2004 Bulletin Updates and Information
For Parents and Students K through 12



Special Interest Articles:

- Join the Native Advisory Committee
- IEP Welcomes New Director, Doreen Brown
- New Programs Begin in IEP
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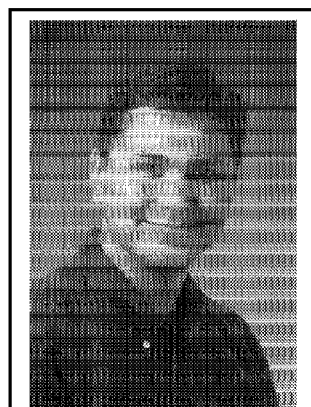
Get Involved: Native Advisory Committee

The Native Advisory Committee (NAC) is the voice for parents/guardians and teachers of Native students enrolled in the Anchorage School District. Jack Zayan, Chair of the NAC, encourages involvement on behalf of parents because it is an opportunity to guide the District's planning and education of its Native children.

Because teachers and administrators are also on the committee, parents can get an understanding of the various roles the District plays, and how best to work with in the District.

By attending the Native Advisory Committee's Annual Community Meeting and Elections, parents

can learn about the NAC and decide to run for an open seat on the committee. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 13, at Dimond High School, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.**



Jack Zayan, Chair, Native Advisory Committee

Native Advisory Committee Hosts Annual Community Meeting and Elections

Indian Education Program, Anchorage School District
Join us to elect new members - be a candidate
Get Involved in your Child's Education

Wednesday, October 13, 2004

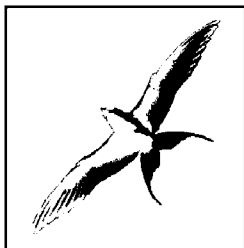
6:30 - 8:30 PM

Dimond High School
Multipurpose Room



New Supervisor: Doreen Brown Takes the Reins

"With parents, students and the community engaged in shared leadership, we can move the IEP from being an organization with a vision to becoming a truly visionary organization, ."
~Doreen Brown, Supervisor, IEP



**Alaska
Native
Ways ...**

*See connections
- all things are
related.*
~Yup'ik

With the new school year, the Indian Education Program (IEP) begins a new era under Doreen Brown. She has been with the IEP as a Tutor/Counselor, and, after receiving her Master of Arts in Education and teaching in Kalskag, she returned as the Resource Teacher while holding a part-time teaching assignment with the Anchorage School District.

Brown's desire to connect and to make a difference for Native education began at Service High School where she began the first Native Culture Club. More recently, she joined efforts with the IEP and Cook Inlet Tribal Council under a grant to recruit and retain Native educators in the Anchorage School District.

"Our collaborative efforts can lead our youth to achieve academic excellence, develop pride, dignity and confidence, to create our future contributors to the

economic and cultural prosperity of all people," Brown stated of her new role.

Brown is the daughter of Lucy and Sam Brown, the granddaughter of George and Maver Hoffman of Aniak, Alaska, and Bea and Ernest Brown of Renton, Washington. She has one child who attends Baxter Elementary.



Doreen Brown, Supervisor, IEP

Resources for Parents

Anchorage School District 742-4000 www.asdk12.org
Indian Education Program 742-4445 www.asdk12.org
Cook Inlet Tribal Council 297-2000 www.citci.com
Alaska Youth and Parent Foundation 274-6541 www.aypf.ak.org

Academic Support:

Log on to <http://www.lightspan.com> Enter User Name: IndianEd2, then
Enter Password: learning, then, Enter District ID: ANCH001
Partner Help Line for technical support: 1-800-811-9443

New Programs in the Works by IEP

The Indian Education Program is strengthening its school presence through several new programs designed with families in mind.

Additionally, the **Family Literacy Program** hopes to increase opportunities for at-home reading. **Muffins for Moms and Doughnuts**

for Dads are just another part of the open house invitations by Indian Education Staff to bring parents into the schools.

The **Elders in the Schools** program brings elders as resources into the classroom to offer guidance and knowledge to educators and students.

No Child Left Behind: Teacher and Paraprofessional Qualifications

In January of 2002, President Bush signed into law the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). This sweeping education reform places substantial new requirements on states, districts, and schools and encourages greater parental involvement. This is the fifth in a series of articles to explain key components of the law.

This article will focus on the new requirements for teachers and paraprofessionals to demonstrate that they are "highly qualified" under the law.

Under NCLB, all teachers who teach in a core academic subject area (English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts - defined as music, theatre, and art -

history, geography, speech communications, and social studies) must be "highly qualified" by June 30, 2006.

Teachers must do three things to demonstrate that they are "highly qualified."

- Hold full certification (no emergency certifications or waivers)
 - Have a bachelor's degree
 - Demonstrate competency in each of the core subject areas in which the teacher teaches
- The methods of demonstrating competency vary with the level taught, and at this writing have **not** been finalized by state regulations.

We have great confidence in the quality of all our educators and believe they do an excellent job of educating our young people. For more information on NCLB, visit the district's website at www.asdk12.org/NCLB

High School Program

The Alaska Native Heritage Center High School Program is a place where Anchorage area Native youth celebrate their culture in guided after-school classes two hours a day, five days a week, Program classes are: Alaska Native dance, Communication through Technology, Alaska Native Arts Program and Encourage Leadership.

Students who attend at least 120 hours can earn an Anchorage School District elective credit. The program is free and includes school shuttle pick up and student door to door home drop off. Instruction begins October 4, 2004. Download an enrollment form at www.alaskanative.net or call (907) 330-8000.

Building Assets

Excerpts from

Helping Kids Succeed - Alaskan Style

Written by and for Alaskans
Building Assets, Alaskan Style
Parents, Teens, Communities

Checklist for Parents:

Asset statements -

"My child tries to deal with conflict without using violence."

"My child is actively engaged in learning."

Evening Program Looking for Artists and Native Language Speakers

Artists and Native Language Speakers are needed to help fill the Evening Program activities.

-- Artists interested in sharing a longer project with students and parents over a two or three week period.

--If you are interested and a Yupik, Tlingit, and Inupiaq speaker/teacher and have at least five people (students and parents) wanting to learn, we'll provide the space.

--Space is provided for Native dance/drum groups for practice.

If you are interested, please contacted Marilyn Balluta, Coordinator, 742-4445.

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October-November Highlights

Oct. 4-8: Benchmark Tests and the High School Graduate Qualifying Exam

Oct.25-27: AFN Elders/Youth Conference

Oct 28-31: AFN Convention

Oct 13: Native Advisory Committee Annual Community Meeting and Election, 6:30-8:30 PM

Nov. 2: Election Day Be sure to VOTE!

Nov. 1-30: American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month - see

next issue for calendar of events

Nov. 15-18: Parent/Teacher Conferences

Nov. : Native Advisory Committee -- TBA

Nov. 25-26: Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools closed

Next Issue will come out in November 2004

The IEP Bulletin for Parents is now a bi-monthly newsletter. The next issue will arrive in your mailbox

in November. If you have any questions regarding special programs or traditional academic programs

offered by the Indian Education Program, please call our offices at 742-4445.

About The Indian Education Program . . .

The Indian Education Program of the Anchorage School District has staff in 50 schools within the district. The program concentrates its efforts in three areas: academic assistance, counseling, and cultural enrichment. Unfortunately, there is not enough funding to place staff in every school. However, if you or your child is interested in participating in activities, please call our offices at 742-4445. The Indian Education Resource Room is located at 1016 West 6th Ave., Anchorage.