



Anchorage School District
Educating All Students for Success in Life

February 3, 2021

School Board Report to FCC

1. Regular School Board Meeting:

- a. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 6 PM.
- b. Action Items for 2/16:
 - ASD Memorandum #077 - **Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan:** July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2027
 - ASD Memorandum #084- **Policy Revision:** BP5116 School Attendance Boundaries
 - ASD Memorandum #085 - **Policy Revision:** BP6114 Crisis Response Plan
 - ASD Memorandum #086 - **FY 2021-22 Preliminary Financial Plan and Budget. Budget Resources:**
 - Preliminary Budget Document Pamphlet:
[https://go.boarddocs.com/ak/asdk12/Board.nsf/files/BXUR6Y6C14D4/\\$file/M086b_-2021-22_Preliminary-Budget%20Pamphlet.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ak/asdk12/Board.nsf/files/BXUR6Y6C14D4/$file/M086b_-2021-22_Preliminary-Budget%20Pamphlet.pdf)
 - 21-22 Preliminary Budget:
[https://go.boarddocs.com/ak/asdk12/Board.nsf/files/BXUR6Y6C14D4/\\$file/M086b_-2021-22_Preliminary-Budget%20Pamphlet.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ak/asdk12/Board.nsf/files/BXUR6Y6C14D4/$file/M086b_-2021-22_Preliminary-Budget%20Pamphlet.pdf)

2. Other Board Committee Meetings:

- a. Finance Committee Meeting: February 10, 12 PM

3. COVID Community Support:

- a. Ed Center Vaccine Distribution Clinic, 65+: February 2-11. Second shots only, by appoint only! No Walk-ins.
- b. ASD Pop-up Testing Sites for February: <https://covid-response-moa-muniorg.hub.arcgis.com/pages/testing>

4. ASD Back-In- School Information:

- This marks the second week of in person learning for grades K-2, Special Education and select groups of middle & high school students.



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- While a handful of schools welcomed grades 3-6 back on 2/1, the majority of 3-6 students will return on February 8.
 - All Student return on 3/15.
 - Basketball and cheer teams begin competitions as of February 1.
 - The District is actively planning for in-person, outdoor graduation ceremonies this year. Graduation dates are here: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/7988>
5. COVID-19 resources and mitigation strategies, and how you can prepare.
- a. The [ASD Back-in-School flyer](#) highlights the details you need to know about your return to school, school hours each day, bus transportation and other key points.
 - b. [2020-2021 Return to School Operational Guidelines](#) - This document reviews expectations around face coverings, meal and water breaks, classroom changes, PE, recess, school busses, extracurriculars, and more.
 - c. [Keep ASD Symptom Free At Home Health Screening for Parents and Guardians-](#) This document lists a series of questions you should ask at home before sending students to school. Also see Airplane Arms: Navigating Back to School: [Getting Tested and Returning to School](#).
 - d. Your individual school plan can be found online here:
 - [Preschools](#)
 - [Elementary schools](#)
 - [Middle schools](#)
 - [High schools](#)
 - [Alternative schools](#)
 - e. [Student Nutrition](#) - Meals for students attending eligible National School Lunch Program schools are currently available at no charge. Please visit the Student Nutrition [website](#) for services offered and more information.
 - f. **742-HELP** is a useful resource for families seeking information on everything from technology questions to mental wellness services.
 - g. The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has outlined COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation details that includes the education sector as frontline essential workers who will begin receiving the vaccine in [Phase 1b, Tier 2](#).



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6. **Support Central Website:** Safety Plans/ Posters & Videos/Health & Safety Training: Each Elementary School's Public Safety Plan and Guidelines can be found @:
<https://www.asdk12.org/Page/16303>

7. **Free Student Meals** will continue through 12/31 (or until funds run out). Families should check-in with their school for information and distribution process or visit the district's website @ <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/15786>

8. **Calendar:**
 - a. **Black History Month:** Theme: The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity

 - b. **Valentine's Day,** February 14

 - c. **Presidents Day,** February 15.

 - d. **Elizabeth Peratrovich Day,** February 16

 - e. **Visit Our Schools Virtually:** February 22-March 5.

 - f. **Spring Break:** March 8-12.



Community Update – February 2021

District Calendar

February is...
Black History Month
Teen Dating Violence
Awareness Month

February 15
Presidents' Day

Upcoming ASD Events

Thursday, February 15
Presidents' Day Holiday
Students do not attend school.

Thursday, February 26
Districtwide Asynchronous
Learning Day

Welcome Back, Elementary Students and Staff



Despite Mother Nature's antics that kept our elementary students in remote learning a day longer than expected, most pre-K–2 grade students returned to ASD elementary schools in January. Most students grade 3–6 returned February 8, thanks to staff, students, and families successfully

following mitigation plans. At the beginning of the fourth quarter, middle and high school students will return to in-person school. Beginning at the start of the fourth quarter allows schools to effectively build school schedules to coincide with criteria for earning credit toward graduation.

ASD Vaccine Clinic Featured in Education Week



The Anchorage School District was recently featured in the national education news publication *Education Week* in its article [How School Districts Can Run a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic](#). The article highlighted ASD's ability to scale up to provide an efficient health clinic and how that could be replicated at any district across the U.S.

ASD Invites You to Visit Our Schools Virtually

This year, the Visit Our Schools sessions will take place virtually February 22 – March 5.

Community members, businesses, and parents are invited to virtually visit any ASD school at the end of February/early March to learn more about the community's public schools. This coordinated effort provides parents and community members an opportunity to learn more about the many educational opportunities available.



Check each school's [ZOOM Schedule](#) for tour dates and times.



Good Things:

ASD Celebrates Black History Month with Learning Resources



Black History Month is an opportunity to emphasize the history and achievements of Black and African Americans and their unique culture. In Alaska, African Americans have been a part of all aspects of development of the state going back almost two hundred years. This includes whaling, the military, engineering, construction, and more.

This year, the theme for Black History month is [The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity](#).

ASD educators are encouraged to engage students in learning about Black trailblazers around the world. Here are some resources for families to help celebrate Black History Month:

Learn about a few Alaskan Black trailblazers:

[Mahala Ashley Dickerson, attorney and Alaska homesteader](#)

[Rev. Alonzo Patterson](#)

[Willard Bowman, advocate](#)

[Etheldra Davis, educator](#)

[Bettye Davis, former lawmaker and Anchorage School Board member](#)

Books to read:

[The Black Soldiers Who Built the Alaska Highway](#)

[Black History in the Last Frontier](#)

Events in Anchorage:

[Alaska Black Caucus Celebrate Black History Stories 4](#)

[Kids Every Saturday in February at 10 a.m. on Zoom](#)

Online exhibits:

The National Museum of African American History & Culture's [online collections](#) allow visitors to engage with digital resources and explore virtual [PBS documentaries](#) and [digital shorts](#)

Teaching Today: Aurora Elementary

Teaching Today is a video series documenting how ASD teachers engage students to achieve their learning goals during a health pandemic. These inspiring stories show how ASD teachers reinvent the way they teach to ensure students have access to engaging, hands-on content.



In the most recent video, Aurora Elementary School teacher Renee Wade shares how she utilizes flexible seating in her classroom to help students complete their tasks by choosing the work environment that is most comfortable for them; all while remaining within COVID-19 CDC safety guidelines.

[Watch the latest video here.](#)

ASD COVID-19 Testing Sites Throughout February

Throughout the month of February, the Municipality of Anchorage will be conducting COVID-19 testing at select ASD sites. This COVID-19 PCR testing service is open to the public and free of charge. Testing will be conducted by Visit Healthcare and testing trailers are located in the school parking lot. Testing is NOT conducted inside schools. It is helpful to [schedule](#) your visit ahead of time online.

COVID-19 Testing Sites at select ASD schools

Testing times are 8 a.m. through 7 p.m.

Friday, February 12 at Creekside Park Elementary

Saturday, February 13 at Airport Heights Elementary

Monday, February 15 at Lake Hood Elementary

Friday, February 19 at Northwood Elementary

Saturday, February 20 at Nunaka Valley Elementary

Monday, February 22 at Willow Crest Elementary

Friday, February 26 at Wonder Park Elementary

Saturday, February 27 at Alaska Native Cultural Charter School

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