

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #160 (2025-2026)

April 21, 2026

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: DR. JHARRETT BRYANTT, SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF UPDATE TO ASD 2026-27 SCHOOL CALENDAR

ASD Core Value: *The District will be open, transparent, and accountable to the public.*

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and adopt an updated school calendar for the 2026-27 school year.

PERTINENT FACTS:

In response to parent and community feedback on the recently approved revisions to the school calendars, the Administration has determined the changes to the beginning of the 2026-27 school year did not provide sufficient notice to families and community stakeholders.

The attached 2026-27 school calendar recommendation eliminates the impact on the beginning of the school year by adding the three (3) new instructional days to the last quarter, as outlined below:

- Revert back to the start dates on the 2026-27 school calendar approved September 2, 2025:
 - Teachers' first day: Friday, August 14, 2026
 - Students' first day (grades 1-6 & 9): Wednesday, August 19, 2026
 - Students' first day (grades 7-8 & 10-12): Thursday, August 20, 2026
 - End of first quarter (student release grading day): Friday, October 16, 2026
- April 19, 2027, is a school day
- The last day of school for students is Friday, May 28, 2027
- Teachers' last day is Tuesday, June 1, 2027

These changes convert the previously designated “possible closure makeup” days on the 2026-27 school calendar approved in September 2025 to the newly added instructional days; the school calendars no longer identify separate days as possible closure makeup days.

This memo does not change the currently approved school calendars for the 2027-28 and 2028-29 school years.

SUMMARY

The Administration acknowledges that calendars will always be under scrutiny, and require decisions to be made between competing interests, frequently with good rationale from competing viewpoints. The urgency in which the previous recommendation was developed resulted in less time and feedback being considered. The Administration will be reviewing the timeline and structure of future Calendar Committee work to ensure any changes to the school calendar provide opportunities for families and community feedback prior to School Board approval.

JB/SG/cj

Prepared and Approved by: Sven Gustafson, Deputy Superintendent

Attachments: Draft Update 2026-27 ASD School Calendar