

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #315 (2004-2005)

June 13, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION: MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON OBESITY AND
HEALTH

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board adopt the attached resolution recognizing the serious health consequences of obesity in our community.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Anchorage School District will be working collaboratively with the Mayor's Task Force on Obesity and Health and their task to study the many aspects, causes, and impacts of obesity and develop a ten-year plan to address wellness issues in the Municipality of Anchorage.

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Attachment

Prepared/Approve by: Carol Comeau, Superintendent

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD

ASDR 2004-2005-15

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON OBESITY AND HEALTH AND THEIR TASK TO STUDY THE MANY ASPECTS, CAUSES, AND IMPACTS OF OBESITY AND DEVELOP A TEN-YEAR PLAN TO REDUCE OBESITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE.

WHEREAS, Obesity is a significant and growing threat to the public's health, the implication of which include serious health consequences such as diabetes, coronary heart disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, osteoarthritis, sleep disturbances and breathing problems, and certain cancers; and

WHEREAS, Researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that direct costs to U.S. taxpayers for obesity alone reached \$75 billion in 2003; and

WHEREAS, According to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) 58 percent of people surveyed in the Municipality of Anchorage are overweight, with 21 percent qualifying as obese; and

WHEREAS, The State of Alaska Section of Epidemiology reports that 32 percent of students entering Anchorage kindergarten or first grade, and 36 percent of all Anchorage students are overweight or at risk for becoming overweight. "Prevalence of overweight among Anchorage children", A study of Anchorage School District Data: 1998-2003; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Surgeon General reports that 70-80 percent of overweight children will continue to be overweight or obese their entire lives; and

WHEREAS, The National Institute on Health (NIH) projects that our next generation of children will be the first in the history of the United States whose life expectancy is shorter than their parents due to the impacts of obesity and related health consequences.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Anchorage School Board supports the Mayor's Task Force on Obesity and Health and their task to study the many aspects, causes, and impacts of obesity and develop a ten-year plan to reduce obesity in the Anchorage School the Municipality of Anchorage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage School Board this 13th day of June, 2005.

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