



## Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Feb 21, 2023 - School Board Meeting
Category	F. Action Items
Subject	2. ASD Memorandum #107 - Approval of The 6th Grade to Middle School Transition Plan
Type	Action, Information
Recommended Action	To approve a two-year transition of remaining elementary 6th graders to comprehensive middle schools.

### ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #107 (2022-2023)

February 7, 2023

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: DR. JHARRETT BRYANTT, SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE 6TH GRADE TO MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSITION PLAN

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 a two-year transition of remaining elementary 6th graders to comprehensive middle schools.

#### PERTINENT FACTS:

Currently, three of ASD's ten comprehensive middle schools support 6th grade students: Begich, Clark, and Mirror Lake middle schools.

The move of 6th graders to middle school is not a short-term cost savings for the District; however, it is viewed as a long-term benefit for students.

Transitioning 6th graders to middle school is a daunting task that impacts all departments in ASD. Allowing for a two-year roll-out will allow all stakeholders to be involved with planning and implementation. This move will affect most of our elementary and middle schools, transportation, staffing, finance and budgeting, student nutrition, curriculum, IT, facilities and maintenance, scheduling, communications, school boundary lines, professional development, and many other issues.

The impact to each sending/receiving school is extensive. To ensure a smooth transition and to help mitigate risks, planning for the 6th grade to middle school should be completed over the course of the 2023/24 school year, with implementation for the 2024/25 school year.

2023/24 (Year 1): Planning for implementation

2024/25 (Year 2): All (comprehensive) 6th grade students move to middle school

JB/JA/AR/MF/ML/SG/KJ

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Mike Fleckenstein, Chief Information Officer  
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### **Motion & Voting**

To approve a two-year transition of remaining elementary 6th graders to comprehensive middle schools.

Motion by Carl Jacobs, second by Andy Holleman.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yea: Margo Bellamy, Dave Donley, Andy Holleman, Carl Jacobs, Kelly Lessens, Dora Wilson

Nay: Pat Higgins

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