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School Board Report August 2023

Enrollment (as of August 17)

2023/2024

Families Pending: 93

Families Enrolled: 162

Total: 255

Students Pending: 153

Students Enrolled: 270

Total: 423

For comparison purposes:

- **August 17, 2022 numbers were 258 families and 435 students**

FTE Trends

School Year	FTE
2023-/2024	TBD
2022/2023	455.75
2021/2022	485.36
2020/2021	668.51
2019/2020	318.65
2018/2019	244.00
2017/2018	234.62

PACE is currently focused on meeting the demand of enrolling families. The team is busy creating student learning plans, ordering materials, and checking out technology to families. August and September are typically our busiest enrollment months and so far, we continue that trend.

PACE Outreach

Advertising continues on multiple platforms, including Facebook, YouTube, and Google AdWords. Google searches and Facebook continue to be our most successful methods of advertising.

CRAIG

100 School Road
P.O. Box 800
Craig, AK 99921
907-373-9701 Option 4

KETCHIKAN

2417 Tongass Ave.
Suite 209C
Ketchikan, AK 99901
907-373-9701 Option 2

ANCHORAGE

4241 B. St.
Suite 203
Anchorage, AK 99517
907-373-9701 Option 1

WASILLA

351 Parks Hwy.
Suite 101
Wasilla, AK 99654
907-373-9701 Option 3

PACE Staffing

The 2023-24 school year has seen significant change in staffing for PACE. Craig Learning Center's Howie Daggs moved within district to take a position at Craig Middle School. We've shifted the role of Jen Whicker of the Ketchikan office to now oversee all our Southeast learning centers and support those families. She will be splitting time between both the KLC and CLC. An additional contact teacher, Mikal Sparkman, was hired in Anchorage to take over Anchorage families from Howie and Jen to accommodate that transition.

Nora Eller, a Mat-Su Contact Teacher, resigned over the summer. Cassie Kinsland, our SPED Teacher, has been hired as the new Contact Teacher in the Mat-Su office. Bobbie Duerksen began work as our new SPED Contact Teacher this week. She will be working out of the ALC.

We continue to look for a part-time Administrative Assistant in the ALC.

In summary:

New Staff:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bobbie Duerksen (SPED)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mikal Sparkman (Contact Teacher: ALC)
New Positions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cassie Kinsland (Contact Teacher: MLC)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jen Whicker (Contact Teacher: KLC and CLC)
Resigned from PACE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howie Daggs (in-district move)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nora Eller (family relocated)

School Improvement

Like all schools across the state, much of our school improvement plan focuses on implementing the *AK Reads Act*. Teacher training began last week. Our school MTSS plan is due to the state September 1. We expect to begin our DIBELS assessments by the end of August.

PACE continues to use our A3 goals to guide our work for the year. Last year we focused on how we serve our at-risk students and families. This groundwork fits nicely with our MTSS plan and the work we are doing for *AK Reads*. We will continue to work individually as a school and with the district as a whole to adjust and implement our MTSS plan.

The first PACE inservice of the year will be in the Anchorage Learning Center in early November.

Appreciations

A huge thank you to the PACE staff who have been covering multiple positions as we work to hire and train new employees, as well as those involved in training. It has been a major team effort, and we are grateful for *all* of our team!

Additional thank yous to Melinda Bass for her work onboarding new employees, even during audit week, and to Kerin Crews, who manages our ordering frenzy during the whirl of August.