

March 23, 2009

Mr. Jeff Friedman  
1534 D Street  
Anchorage AK 99501

Re: Request for Advisory Opinion, 2008-8

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Thank you for your request, per AMC section 1.15.080, for an Advisory Opinion from the Board of Ethics dated November 4, 2008, and for your cooperation with subsequent follow up questions from the Board.

At our February 27, 2009, meeting, the Ethics Board concluded that you would not be in violation of Municipal Ethics Code (chapter 1.15) with reference to your plan to post your personal summaries of Anchorage School Board meetings on a planned blog or on a subsequent planned campaign blog, given the following expectations, with which you have previously agreed:

You will clearly note the above referenced blog(s) as personal work product(s) and not official work product(s) of the Anchorage School District (ASD).

You will continue to collect the addresses of recipients of your newsletter via the method you have described to the Board (by developing a recipient list from those individuals who ask to be put on that list).

You will compile informational notes from the ASD board meetings on your own computer and distribute them from that computer, as you described to the Board is your current practice.

Finally, please understand that this is an Advisory Opinion, and as noted in AMC section 1.15.080 A.1., "in any later proceeding involving the inquirer, the inquirer is entitled to rely on the advice of the board, and may not be sanctioned for acting in compliance with the board's advice, so long as the facts remain substantially unchanged from those represented to the board in the inquiry."

If you have further questions about this advice, please contact the Board through the Clerk's Office.

Best regards,

G. W. Kimura, Ph.D. (Cantab.)  
Chair, Board of Ethics