

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #5 (2006-2007)

August 14, 2006

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR CLARK MIDDLE
SCHOOL RENEWAL

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, caring, barrier-free schools. Ensure public accountability through effective consultation with community to ensure wise use of financial resources and responsible construction and maintenance of facilities, and effective communication with students, staff, parents, community and government at all levels.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Conceptual Design for the Clark Middle School Renewal Project and authorize the Superintendent to proceed with the Schematic Design, subject to Municipal Assembly approval of the Conceptual Design.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Clark Middle School is located on a 28.4-acre site at 150 Bragaw Street in northeast Anchorage. The existing 41-classroom school delivers educational programs for seventh and eighth grades. It was built in 1959, with a library addition built in 1994. The school has had minimal upgrading since it was constructed 47 years ago. Except for the library addition, the existing facility is deficient in all major categories.

The scope of this project is the renewal of Clark Middle School. Pending approval by the School Board and Assembly, the funded design for Clark Middle School Renewal will be further developed. A construction budget is being determined based on the proposed design. The Clark Middle School, upon renewal, will accommodate 1,058 students in grades six, seven and eight. The school's population is projected to be 941 for the 2010-11 school year and to remain relatively constant for the next 5-year period.

The design team of McCool Carlson Green - Architects has worked closely in a

collaborative effort with the Clark Middle School Building Design Committee, Clark Middle School students, Clark Middle School staff, and District Facilities staff since early March 2006, to produce the Conceptual Design. The design is based on Clark Middle School Educational Specifications approved by the School Board.

Development of the building and site design has been challenging, due to the constraints of the existing school facility, the site size and shape, and the need to deliver quality instructional programs during the construction phase of the project. A series of public meetings began in March 2006. Working with the Building Design Committee, McCool Carlson Green developed a total of sixteen design concept options. The last option was selected as the final concept because it offered the best features.

Bonds approved by the voters in April 2002 provided funding of \$150,000 for Clark Middle School Planning through ASD Memo #136 (2001-2002). Bonds approved by the voters in November 2004 provided funding of \$400,000 for Clark Middle School Preliminary Design through ASD Memo #4 (2004-2005). The School Board approved the selection of McCool Carlson Green - Architects as the Designer of Record on January 23, 2006, ASD Memorandum #169 (2005-2006) and the Municipal Assembly approved the selection on February 14, 2006 (AM 55-2006). The School Board approved the Educational Specifications for the Clark Middle School Renewal Project on May 1, 2006, ASD Memorandum #248 (2005-2006). The School Board approved additional funding for Capital Projects, including Clark Middle School Renewal, using earnings and project balances in the amount of \$1,635,830 for Design on June 26, 2006, ASD Memorandum #337 (2005-2006).

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Attachment

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