

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #4 (2006-2007)

August 14, 2006

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: MULDOON AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL ONE PERCENT FOR ART

ASD Goal: *Ensure public accountability through effective communication with students, staff, parents, community and government at all levels.*

PERTINENT FACTS:

Chapter 7.40 of the Anchorage Municipal Code defines the process for selection and acquisition of art to be displayed in public places, including public school buildings. This code authorizes the Municipality to select the artist and the artwork, with a review of the proposed artwork by the School District only as to its safety and maintenance factors. The artwork has been reviewed and approved by the District's Risk Management Department. The artists have agreed to their safety recommendations.

The Jury established for the New Muldoon Area Middle School has chosen artists to create artwork for the school. The artwork consists of the following:

Artist: Elizabeth Busch, Glenhorn, ME  
Location: Suspended in commons and main corridor  
Artwork Title: *Frontier Spirit: Maine to Alaska*  
Description: 46 units weighing between 7-20 pounds painted and treated Lee Filter acetate UV sheets which are cut and woven into multiple layers creating color transparencies.  
Budget: \$125,000.00  
Account Code 78510-5430

Artist: Ted Gardeline and Pat Shelton, Anchorage, AK  
Location: Benches in Commons area  
Artwork Title: *States of Matter*  
Description: Five powder-coated steel benches bolted to the floor in

different locations, to be approved by the Fire Marshall and the Risk Management Dept., with the top covered in mosaic tile work and grouted for a smooth finish.

Budget: \$50,000.00  
Account Code 78510-5430

Representing the Anchorage School District for Muldoon Area Middle School is Connie Bensler, serving on the jury along with the architect of the project, Angie Barr, Kumin Associates. Jeanne Fischer is the new Principal and is also serving on the committee. Other members include Gretchen Sagan representing the Arts Advisory Commission; Esther Cox representing the Historical and Fine Arts Commission; and Allen Kemplen representing the Urban Design Commission. Also serving on the jury is artist Stephen Gray, a community member and professional artist; Peggy Robinson and Liz Sherwood serve as community members; and Carol Comeau as an Ex-officio member. Fred Johnson (retired) and Chris Lynch have been serving as the Project Managers for the Anchorage School District.

Jocelyn Young, Curator of Public Art, presented models of these artists' works to the School Board at the June 26, 2006 regular School Board Meeting.

In accordance with the 1% for Art ordinance, the Commission could have filed an objection to the selection with the Public Art Committee by July 12, 2006 based upon technical reasons of safety or maintenance. A Public Hearing was held Thursday, March 16, 2006 and any concerns were addressed by the Art Selection Jury.

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