

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #202 (2006-2007)

March 12, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: SIX-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN ANALYSIS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS: JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2013

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 the 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 attached Anchorage School District Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan for July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2013.

PERTINENT FACTS:

School Board Policy 741.12 establishes the requirement for an annual update of the Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), including student membership projections; classroom utilization; and recommendations for renovation or major maintenance of existing facilities or construction of new facilities. Staff of the Facilities Department presented this plan to the Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission at a work session on February 12. The Commission unanimously approved the District's CIP, as presented, at their regularly scheduled meeting that same evening.

The CIP Recommendations are in Tables 1-3. Tables 4-12 provide information on historical membership and other factors affecting future enrollment. Tables 13-23 summarize membership projections and facilities. Detailed projection and facilities utilization information for each individual school is listed alphabetically, by level of instruction, in Appendix A. Appendix B provides additional information regarding the demographics of the District, in table and graph format. Appendix C is a summary of educational specifications for elementary, middle, and high school planning. Appendix D is a description of

the site selection process. Appendix E, added last year, provides basic information regarding the current status of each school facility.

The recommendations included in Table 1 are based on the following inputs:

- Detailed six-year enrollment projections
- Input from the District's Capital Request Advisory Committee
- Facility audits
- Maintenance issues identified by the individual units and by the Facilities/Maintenance staff
- Projects identified in prior year CIP recommendations
- Priorities identified by the Administration

Enrollment Projections: The overall student enrollment during the coming six-year period is projected to remain quite stable, with elementary enrollment increasing slightly, middle school enrollment slightly increasing, and high school enrollment declining slightly. The recent trend of births and kindergarten enrollment (See Tables 4 and 7 and Chart 4) has been typically downward, with what appears to have been a leveling off in the early 2000's. For the past three years, however, the average kindergarten enrollment has increased slightly. Therefore, current and projected kindergarten classes are slightly larger than those of prior years. As these classes work their way through the elementary grades over the coming years, the average enrollment in each of the succeeding grades will reflect the slightly larger kindergarten class size. This shows up very clearly in Table 13, Projections by Grade. For example, grade 4 enrollment is projected to rise in 2008-2009, with an increase from the current enrollment of 3,549 to a projected level in 2008-2009 of 3,721. Enrollment in higher grades begins dropping off in later years, as the smaller primary grade classes progress to those grades.

Middle and High school enrollments are projected to decline slowly, with middle schools slightly increasing in 2011-2012 and high schools continuing to decline.

Review of Six-Year CIP Projects: Due to the April 2006 bond failure, the District has been challenged with prioritizing the growing list of capital improvement needs. The District has addressed this challenge by either deferring projects within this six year CIP or to future years. The result of these deferrals totals a difference of \$11,980,050 less than the current CIP.

The 2007-2008 projects are the same as those included in the proposed April 2007 Municipal Bond. Beyond 2007-2008, this CIP reflects the District's priority to address the Chester Valley and Sand Lake Elementary Schools' projects in next year's plan. In addition, the District has prioritized renewal or replacement of

major building systems, such as Districtwide roofs, mechanical systems, electrical systems, and other facility components, shifting the focus away from major capital projects and more towards maintaining current facilities. Building code issues are being addressed in each year of the CIP, as well as various minor building improvements, traffic safety upgrades, and security system upgrades. The phasing of high school projects from prior years also continues in this CIP, at a reduced progression rate. However, the majority of these phases will be accomplished by the end of this six-year period.

At the middle school level, a New Southwest Anchorage Area Middle School is scheduled for planning beginning in 2009-2010, and Gruening and Romig Middle Schools are included for design and renewals in 2011-2012.

At the elementary school level, the 2009-2010 plan includes funding for planning of a new Southwest Anchorage Area Elementary School and design of Girdwood K-8. Gladys Wood and Inlet View Elementary Schools design funding is included in the 2010-2011 plan, and 2011-2012 projects include design funding for Turnagain and Rabbit Creek Elementary Schools. The 2012-2013 projects identified are for planning/design and renovation and possible additions at Airport Heights, Bayshore, Eagle River, Mountain View, and O'Malley Elementary Schools.

Alternative schools and Districtwide projects included for planning/design or construction are Whaley School and the Information Technology Facility, as well as studies for ABC Elementary School Housing, a Vocational Education Training Center, and a Student Transportation Facility. Funds are also included for the purchase of additional District sites as they become available.

The following projects, listed in priority order, were identified in the previous Six-Year CIP (July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2012), but are now scheduled beyond this six-year period:

Abbott Loop Elementary School Planning
Birchwood ABC School Planning
Huffman Elementary School Planning
Tudor Elementary School Planning
Steller Secondary School Planning
Bayshore Elementary School Design
Mt. View School Elementary Design
O'Malley Elementary School Design
Airport Heights Elementary School Design
Eagle River Elementary School Design
Gruening Middle School Phase 2 Construction
Romig Middle School Phase 2 Construction and Phase 3 Design
West High School Phase 2 Construction and Phase 3 Design
East High School Phase 7 Construction
Service High School Phase 6 Construction
Birchwood ABC School Design
Huffman Elementary School Design
Tudor Elementary School Design
Abbott Loop Elementary School Design
Steller Secondary School Design
Romig Middle School Phase 3 Construction
West High School Phase 3 Construction
Bayshore Elementary School Construction
Mt. View Elementary School Construction
O'Malley Elementary School Construction
Airport Heights Elementary School Construction
Eagle River Elementary School Construction
Abbott Loop Elementary School Construction

The total cost over all years of the projects included in this plan is \$640,515,000.

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