

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #201 (2006-2007)

March 12, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF ALASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
DONATION

*ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by collaborating with other community agencies to maximize opportunities for lifelong learning. 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 authorize the Superintendent to accept a donation from the West High School Auditorium Restoration Committee through the Alaska Community Foundation in the amount of \$465,000 for restoration of the West High School Auditorium.

PERTINENT FACTS:

In December 2005 the West High Auditorium Restoration Committee (WHARC) began raising funds to renovate West High Auditorium. The building was dedicated in 1954 and many of the systems in use today are original. The Restoration Committee felt that due to the historical and community significance of this auditorium to the city of Anchorage, this would be an excellent opportunity to encourage private, corporate and foundation philanthropy. This donation represents the first phase of restoration, which includes the following aspects of the project: remove, replace and install about 2000 seats, carpet, cement repair and painting of the auditorium. This phase is budgeted at \$560,000.

Senate Bill 231 (2005-06) has appropriated two legislative grants for this project. One of these, in the amount of \$95,000, was accepted by ASD under the Facilities Department per ASD Board Memorandum #340 (2005-06). The other, in the amount of \$100,000, has been issued to the Alaska Community Foundation for the WHARC.

The balance of the funds will be disbursed from the West High Auditorium Restoration fund account that is managed by the Alaska Community Foundation (ACF). The School District, upon receiving these funds, will put this phase of the project out to bid. The work is scheduled to begin May 21 with the removal of the seats.

Senate Bill 231 appropriation to the ACF/WHARC	\$100,000
Direct Donation through fundraising of ACF/WHARC	<u>\$365,000</u>
Total Donation	\$465,000

The WHARC is continuing to raise funds to complete the second portion of the project which includes the replacement of the rigging system, three main curtains, stage floor and stair treads, and creation of the donor wall. The WHARC hopes to raise the remaining amount needed so this phase can go out to bid in April.

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