

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #9 (2009-2010)

August 10, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY  
DEVELOPMENT FY2011 GRANT APPLICATIONS

*ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, caring, barrier-free school. 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 and authorize the Superintendent to submit the following projects, in priority order, to the State of Alaska, Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) by September 1, 2009, for the FY2011 Capital Improvement Project grants program.

School Construction & Major Maintenance Grants

Service High School Renovation	\$50,000,000
Girdwood K-8 School Design	1,000,000
Districtwide Fire Alarm Upgrades	1,200,000
Districtwide Traffic /Site Improvements	6,750,000
Districtwide Roof Replacements	2,500,000
Districtwide Electrical Upgrades	4,000,000
Districtwide Mechanical Upgrades	3,400,000
Districtwide General Building Renewal	750,000
Inlet View School Design	750,000
Gladys Wood School Design	750,000
Districtwide Track & Athletic Field Upgrades	22,500,000
Districtwide Security System Upgrades	1,250,000
Districtwide Code/Sprinkler Upgrades	1,250,000
West High School Renovation Design (Phase 1)	1,500,000

Romig Middle School Renovation Design (Phase 1)	<u>1,500,000</u>
Total All Grants	<u>\$99,100,000</u>

PERTINENT FACTS:

This current list of priority projects was developed from the district’s Master Unfunded Facility Project Needs list. This list includes projects identified in the district’s Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for 2009-2019 that should move forward, identified emerging building system failures, and the DEED FY2010 Grant projects that have not been funded.

The district has not received capital funding through the DEED School Construction or Major Maintenance Grant Program for several years. In addition, DEED has amended the program this year to limit the maximum number of applications that will be scored to ten applications per district. Districts may submit more than ten applications, but DEED will score only the top ten eligible projects. In the event a project is deemed ineligible, the next project will be evaluated and if eligible, scored.

In lieu of this change, there are three reasons the district needs to continue to submit applications for currently defined projects:

1. DEED is charged with informing the legislature of educational facility requirements across the state. Even though districts will be limited to the number of applications that will be scored by DEED, Anchorage has a responsibility to continue to report its facility requirements.
2. The legislature has funded a large number of major maintenance projects and some capital projects from the DEED priority lists. By submitting its current major maintenance requirements to DEED, the district preserves its place in the statewide major maintenance grants funding list. For example, the grant application for Wendler Middle School placed this project as the number one priority on the 2003 statewide major maintenance grant funding list, and it was funded at the \$12.8 million level.
3. By submitting these grants, the district will be in a better position to be included in any state funding mechanism during the coming legislative session.

The projects listed above incorporate the currently identified facility requirements that have adequate definition to allow for a grant application and that meet DEED eligibility requirements.

For each project scope, there may be updated or better-refined budget estimates available prior to actual submittal of the grant applications. If this occurs, there may be adjustments to the budget amounts listed in this memorandum.

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