

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #35 (2009-2010)

August 24, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: SELECTION OF "ONE PERCENT FOR ART" ARTWORK FOR
BEGICH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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.

PERTINENT FACTS:

This memorandum is to inform the Anchorage School Board that an additional piece of artwork has been selected for Begich Middle School for commission and acquisition in accordance with AMC 7.40, Funds for Works of Art in Public Facilities.

Begich Middle School

Artist:	Julie Matthews, Anchorage, AK
Location:	Walls in main commons area
Artwork Title:	<i>A Place in Time</i>
Description:	Seven ceramic clocks designed to fit around seven clocks in the lobby of the school entryway, each representing a different time zone and a different continent around the world. They will be hung with a z-clip system.
Budget:	\$24,500
Account Code	78510-5430

Comments from the ASD Risk Manager, Mike Klawitter; MOA Risk Manager, Glenn Smith; and Fire Marshal, Bart Meinert included making sure the clocks are mounted in a way so they are secure and not an earthquake hazard and that clock batteries are easily accessible for replacements. Clocks should also be high enough to be out of student reach. These comments will be included in the artist's contract.

Representing the Anchorage School District for Begich Middle School is principal Jeanne Fischer, who is serving on the jury along with the architect of the project Angie Barr from Kumin Associates. 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.

In accordance with the 1% for Art ordinance, the Commission may file an objection to this selection with the Public Art Committee by August 15, 2009 based upon technical reasons of safety or maintenance. A public hearing was held May 20 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. and there were no concerns noted.

CC/MA/RA/MP/jg

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