

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #31 (2009-2010)

August 24, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE COLLOCATION OF IT DATA SERVICES

ASD Goal: *Ensure public accountability through the wise use of financial resources.*

PERTINENT FACTS:

Anchorage School District staff Jane Berglund, Wes Bell and Becky Reeves of the Information Technology Department and Mike Price of the Facilities Department have been meeting with Keith Ziolkowsky, Gail Turner, John Roberts and Larry Baker of the Municipality to put together a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the intent to enter into a feasibility study to design and identify the cost of collocating the ASD and MOA data centers. The cost of the study is not to exceed \$100,000 and will be shared equally between the MOA and ASD. Funding for the district's share of \$50,000 has been identified. Both entities are working together on a Scope of Work requiring a study of the space, network, power, and backup requirements of a shared data center.

The Municipality of Anchorage currently has a large data center facility at 3740 West Dimond Blvd in Anchorage, referred to as the Dimond Data Center (DDC). This facility has 5000 square feet of floor space with less than 1000 square feet in use today. With future growth projections the MOA IT is expected to need 2500 square feet or less of the existing 5000 square feet. The ASD IT has the need for a data center facility that meets ASD growth and security requirements. If the DDC can accommodate the needs of both the MOA IT and the ASD IT there may be cost savings and opportunities for collaboration realized.

If the MOA IT and ASD IT agree that the collocation is feasible, MOA and ASD will work toward negotiating an agreement upon acceptable terms and conditions. If it is determined collocation is not feasible, or if an agreement cannot be reached for collocation, both the MOA and ASD will be entitled to retain and use the feasibility evaluation for any purpose.

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