

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #72 (98-99)

September 28, 1998

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DEBT  
REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to submit applications to the State of Alaska, Department of Education (DOE) for debt reimbursement for \$54,526,000 in potentially eligible April 1998 Municipal Bond projects and reserve the balance of available reimbursement for future bond projects.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The 20th Alaska State Legislature passed Senate Bill 11 authorizing a debt reimbursement program for school construction funding, \$357,143,000 in total projects costs statewide. The Anchorage School District as a district with a public school enrollment of 25,000 and more in fiscal year 1998 has debt reimbursement available for projects totaling \$154,286,000 at 70 percent state reimbursement. This reimbursement will remain available until July 1, 2003. It can also be applied retroactively to projects approved by local voters between July 1, 1995 and July 1, 1998. Requests for DOE review of eligible projects approved by local voters in this time period are due to the Department by October 1, 1998.

On April 21, 1998 the voters approved \$54,526,000 in projects that the District anticipates will meet DOE debt reimbursement eligibility requirements. These projects are listed in Attachment A. Bond proposition language stated the District would request debt reimbursement for eligible projects if the State Legislature established a debt reimbursement program.

The \$5.7 million of April 1998 bond projects, which were subsequently approved by the School Board in June 1998, for funding using surplus operational funds are not included in the debt reimbursement request. The Districtwide Facility Audit and Planning costs of \$350,000 are not eligible for reimbursement until the projects are approved for construction funding. Districtwide Asbestos, Code, Life/Safety funding totaling \$500,000 also will not be submitted for reimbursement. The request for Bartlett High School Roof Repair has been reduced to \$2,250,000 to reflect an updated cost estimate developed after completion of a structural analysis of the roof.

With the approval of the projects listed above, \$99,760,000 in debt reimbursement will remain available. It is the Administration's recommendation to reserve the balance of the funding to apply towards future school projects. The April 1997 approved Bond proposition provided funding to plan renovations for three Anchorage high schools. The schematic plans for these projects will be presented to the School Board for funding consideration in November. In addition, the need to reinvest in our older elementary schools and aging middle schools remains. The 1998 Six-Year Capital Improvement Program identified over \$288 million in projects. The availability of matching reimbursement will increase the potential for continued voter support of the District's capital improvement program to provide appropriate educational facilities for our students.

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Attachment

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## DOE FY 2000 Debt Reimbursement Applications

Homestead Elementary School Heating & Ventilation Upgrades	\$ 1,015,000
Bartlett High School Electrical Safety & System Upgrades	925,000
East High School Electrical Safety & System Upgrades	825,000
Clark Middle School Electrical Safety & System Upgrades	211,000
Bartlett High School Roof Repairs	2,250,000
Muldoon Elementary School Replacement School	11,000,000
Baxter Elementary Renovation and Addition	9,700,000
Creekside Park Renovation and Addition	8,700,000
New Southeast Anchorage Elementary School	14,000,000
Ocean View Elementary School Addition & Renovation	<u>5,900,000</u>
Total	\$54,526,000