

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #23 (1999-2000) August 9, 1999

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY  
DEVELOPMENT FY2001 GRANT APPLICATION

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to submit the Wendler Middle School Renovation project to the State of Alaska, Department of Education And Early Development, by September 1, 1999 for the FY2001 Capital Improvement Project grants program.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The District has not received funding through the Department of Education And Early Development Capital Improvement Project (CIP) grants program in many years. Last year in FY2000 the District used its resources to submit debt reimbursement applications for school construction funding as authorized by The 20<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Legislature in Senate Bill 11. In FY97, FY98 and FY99 some of our grant requests projects scored in the top 50 percent most scored in the bottom 50 percent. Anchorage schools are generally in better shape than schools statewide.

The community has supported the District's needs over the last several years with general obligation bond funding. Past Department of Education And Early Development grant application projects have been funded by these bonds with the exception of Denali Elementary School Renewal and Upgrade and Wendler Middle School Renovation projects. The Denali Elementary School project upon further review last year was recommended for replacement in lieu of renovation in the District's 4-year bond package submitted last year. Wendler Middle School Renovation has not substantially changed from the grant application submitted

in FY99. An updated application for Wendler Middle School Renovation project for \$15,300,000 will be submitted for FY2001 CIP grants.

Staff resources will be utilized to provide good scoping documents to assist the District in projecting accurate costs for upcoming capital projects in preparation for fall discussion regarding future bond projects.

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