

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #166 (1999-2000)

January 10, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: NEW SOUTH ANCHORAGE AREA HIGH SCHOOL SITE UPDATE

PERTINENT FACTS:

The School Board awarded the design contract for the new South Anchorage High School to ECI/Hyer on June 14, 1999. A series of design meetings with the advisory Building Design Committee have been held this fall and winter working on the concept design for the building and site. As the design has progressed, members of the community have come forward indicating a desire to incorporate a swimming pool on the site.

The Districtwide High School Educational Specifications approved in June of 1998 do not include a pool as a required or standard item. The Educational Specifications refer to a pool as an optional item which would be built with other community funding.

The project funding approved by the voters for this project does not include funding for a pool. If the community were to approve the funding for a future pool, the District would request that it be built as a stand-alone building, similar to those at Service and Bartlett High Schools. The cost to construct a separate pool on this site is estimated in the range of \$6-7,000,000. This estimate is very rough owing to the fact that the size and full features of any future pool is not defined at this point in time, but is based on a building of approximately 20,000 square feet.

Our planning efforts will include the consideration of a future pool facility. These efforts will include the identification of an optimal location on site considering items such as shared parking, topography and its relationship to the new school building. We will also look at the most cost effective solutions to provide utility connections. These findings may show possible solutions as follows: a) it is more economical to bring in new services from the street at the time of pool construction; b) provide tees and up-size the piping; or c) install the utilities to the proposed future location. The budget constraints in this

project will limit the level of what utility connections, if any, can be constructed now. Careful consideration must also be given to the predictability of what those requirements might be. Providing utility stub outs now for future construction will be of no benefit if they prove to be inadequate when the actual needs are determined and the previous work must be redone.

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