

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #273 (1999-2000)

April 10, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENT TO THE DISTRICTWIDE HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR DIMOND HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Supplement to the Districtwide High School Educational Specifications for Dimond High School Replacement.

PERTINENT FACTS:

In 1997, the voters approved funding for planning and preliminary design for High School renewal projects. The planning process included development of Districtwide High School Educational Specifications, which the School Board approved on June 8, 1998 (ASD Memorandum #299 (1998-1999)). This Supplement is intended to provide: site-specific information not contained in the standard Specifications; variances to those Specifications; and selected options identified in the Specifications. This Supplement's contents were developed and refined during this project's early planning phases.

In 1998, a Conceptual Design for a replacement option was developed by the architects, USKH Inc., to estimate project costs. In April 1999, voters approved \$68 million to fund the replacement of Dimond High School with a new 1,600 student population school.

The School Board approved the Schematic Design on September 27, 1999 (ASD Memorandum #54 (1999-2000)). USKH Inc. submitted Design Development documents on March 15, 2000. These are being reviewed by School District staff. USKH Inc. is developing a construction cost estimate. Construction Documents are scheduled for completion in September 2000. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2001 with completion of the facility in 2003. Relocatables will be used to house students as the anticipated demolition work on the three western buildings begins this fall 2000. Once the new South Anchorage Area High School

is completed and occupied in 2004, and remaining portions of the existing Dimond High School are demolished, final site work construction will be completed. Demolition solutions are dependent on the outcome of Municipal Assembly action on District demolition of surplus buildings.

Overcrowding issues at Dimond will become a larger issue during the 2003-04 school year, when the new Dimond opens with a reduced capacity of 1600. This overcrowding will be managed with relocatables during the demolition of existing buildings. Student enrollment projection for that year is 2,279, or 579 over the new capacity. Several options for managing overcrowding during that year have been examined. These were: (a) double-shifting; (b) using eastern parts of the old school, which are a significant distance from the new facility and would require technological and internet connectivity as well as fire protection measures; and (c) maintaining relocatables and exceeding the new school's capacity for the single 2003-04 school year. This latter option (c) is favored by the school's administration.

The Dimond High School Replacement Supplement to the Districtwide High School Educational Specifications are presented to the School Board for its review and approval (Attachment A).

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Attachments

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