

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #33 (2000-2001)

August 14, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT STATUS REPORT

PERTINENT FACTS:

In 1998, the Anchorage Assembly contracted with Arthur Andersen consultants to conduct a management audit of the Anchorage School District construction management practices. In February 1999, Arthur Andersen submitted the audit report to the Assembly.

In review of the audit report, the District agreed with most of the recommended improvements. To implement the recommended improvements, the District has taken several major steps. The School Board has adopted revisions to Section 700 of the School Board Policy. Facilities has expanded the use of the Expedition Project Management Software. Facilities has contracted with Barba/Arkhn, Inc. to update contract provisions and the administrative manual, as well as training of Facilities staff in the management of project construction schedules. All of the recommended improvements have been positively addressed, and work in progress includes total implementation of the Expedition software and expanded project status reporting to the Administration and the School Board.

In addition to the issues presented in the audit, Facilities has implemented and continues to work on other process improvements. These include: developing a comprehensive process for post construction project reviews and for Facilities performance evaluation by the design and construction communities; updating design standards and specifications; implementing value engineering and constructability reviews of plans for each major project; building commissioning to assure proper performance of electrical/mechanical systems following construction completion; developing an alternative dispute resolution process, to first be implemented in the Dimond High project.

Attached to this memo is a matrix summarizing the status and response to the Arthur Andersen audit. The School Board and the Municipal Assembly will be addressing the status in its joint meeting of August 15.

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**Attachment**

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