

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #59 (2000-2001)

September 25, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF DISTRICTWIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Districtwide Middle School Educational Specifications for use in planning new and renovations/upgrades for Anchorage Middle Schools.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Educational Specifications are the mechanism by which the facility needs of students, teachers, administrators and the community are communicated to the architects and engineers commissioned to design major renovations and new schools. Through clear and concise written needs statements, the Educational Specifications ensure that the building which is constructed enhances the learning environment and accommodates/supports the learning activities/educational programs envisioned for new facilities.

DeJong & Associates, after completing the High School Educational Specifications for the District, was contracted to provide the initial work for the Middle School Educational Specifications. Educational Specification information developed by the Goldenview and Mirror Lake committees from the two recent middle schools that the District constructed, were incorporated along with DeJong & Associates' knowledge and expertise regarding middle schools across the country. The District completed a thorough review of draft documents by Gail Opalinski and middle school principals along with Fred Stofflet and curriculum specialists.

As with the elementary and high school projects, the Districtwide Middle School document will be customized for each school recognizing that each may have circumstances that merit special focus. Middle School renovations will endeavor to incorporate these specifications to the extent possible based upon their existing conditions.



The adopted Districtwide Middle School Educational Specifications will provide the foundation for school improvements.

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Attachment

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