

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #58 (2000-2001)

October 9, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF NEW CHUGIAK/EAGLE RIVER SECONDARY  
SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Educational Specifications for the new Chugiak/Eagle River Secondary School to be used for planning this new facility.

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.

In February 2000, the District contracted with DeJong & Associates, Inc. to oversee the development of the new Chugiak/Eagle River Educational Specifications. This company recently assisted in the development of the Districtwide High School Educational Specifications. The Districtwide specifications were modified for the new Chugiak/Eagle River Secondary School to provide for an interim 800-student school allowing for expansion up to a 1,600-student school when supported by the growth in student population in the Chugiak/Eagle River area. These Chugiak/Eagle River specifications require reference to the Districtwide specifications for descriptions of specific program area.

A working committee comprised of teachers, parents, students, administrators, and community representatives developed the Educational Specifications document.

This group participated in intensive planning labs to discuss their vision for this school and its impact of other facilities in the Chugiak/Eagle River area. Discussion focused on curriculum trends, aspects of a smaller interim high school and various program delivery options. Participants worked in small groups and identified the goals, needs and requirements of each program area. They also outlined the specific relationships and adjacencies of each program area to other areas with the school.

The adopted Chugiak/Eagle River Secondary School Educational Specifications will be used by the architects and construction managers in developing design and construction documents for this school.

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Attachment

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