

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #226 (2000-2001)

March 12, 2001

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: TRAILSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ONE PERCENT FOR ART

PERTINENT FACTS:

Chapter 7.40 of the Anchorage Municipal Code defines the process for selection and acquisition of art to be displayed in public places, including public school buildings. This code authorizes the Municipality to select the artist and the artwork, with a review of the proposed artwork by the School District only as to its safety and maintenance factors. ASD Risk Management and Maintenance have reviewed the artwork and have expressed no objections.

The Jury established for the Trailside Elementary School has chosen the artists to create the artwork for the school. The artwork consists of the following:

Artist: Anne Marie Karlsen, Los Angeles, CA  
Location: Interior Entry, Commons and Corridors  
Artwork: Nature's Story Tellers  
Description: Six entryway columns will be faced with enamel-on-steel floor to ceiling panels continuing the color theme of Earth, Water and Sky – green, blue and yellow. The panels will depict plants and animals from around the world in a kaleidoscope of colors and images. Three of the panels will be repeated and cut into smaller sections to be placed on the high walls of the corridors. The artist will treat the library windows with multiple hues of colored glass in the bottom two panes – moving into clear, translucent glass as they travel up the window. The commons floor will be treated with random blue, green and yellow vinyl tiles, which will be thematically colored down the corridor.  
Budget: \$90,000

A public hearing was held during the PTA meeting on December 12, 2000. The piece was well received. In accordance with the 1% for Art ordinance, the School

Board may file an objection to this selection with the Public Art Committee by March 13, 2001 based upon technical reasons of safety or maintenance.

The Trailside Elementary School Art Selection Jury members include: Dale Porath and Bill Tatom, Porath Tatum Architects; Carolyn Ellingwood, Arts Advisory Commission; Diane Louise, Historical and Fine Arts Commission; Bud Hooker, Urban Design Commission; Fred Giddings, Principal; Dave Karp, community member; Kat Tomka, artist; and Charlotte Fox, a community member.

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