

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #239 (2000-2001)

March 19, 2001

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: REPORT ON EAGLE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL CONCEPTUAL  
PLANNING STUDY

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to use the Dimond High School design, with modification, to deliver the New Eagle River High School.

PERTINENT FACTS:

In April 1999, the voters approved funds to design a new high school in Eagle River. On October 9, 2000, the School Board approved the Educational Specifications, ASD Memorandum #58 (2000-2001). Funding for the construction of the new school is included as part of the upcoming Bond Proposition. The District contracted with USKH, Inc. to perform a conceptual planning study to examine the options for delivery of the New Eagle River High School.

The study focused on two options: develop a new school design or reuse an existing high school design (Dimond), modify it for the site and an 800 student capacity, but also allow future expansion to 1,600 students. The study developed design feasibility concepts, project schedules, comparative design and construction costs, and pro's and con's for each option. This study showed that the option to reuse and modify the Dimond High School Design will allow completion of the school one year earlier, cost approximately \$1,000,000 less, and provide approximately 10,000 square feet of additional space. The study is provided in Attachment A.

A meeting was held on March 14, 2001, at Gruening Middle School to present the results of the study to the Eagle River Community. The consensus of the attendees was to deliver the new school by reusing and modifying the Dimond

design. The comments from the attendees are provided in Attachment A. Subsequent to this meeting, the Eagle River Valley Community Council met and unanimously passed a resolution in support of this option.

CC/RA/MP/sl

Attachment

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