

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #114 (2002-2003)

November 25, 2002

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SCHEMATIC DESIGN AND SUPPLEMENTAL
EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR CHUGACH OPTIONAL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Schematic Design and Supplemental Educational Specifications for Chugach Optional Elementary School Addition and Renovation and authorize the Superintendent to proceed with design pending Municipal Assembly approval of the Schematic Design.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The School Board approved the selection of McCool Carlson Green as the Architects of Record on June 10, 2002, ASD Memorandum #335 (2001-2002) and the Municipal Assembly approved the selection on June 11, 2002 (AR #2002-177). The Conceptual Design was approved by the School Board on August 12, 2002, ASD Memorandum #8 (2002-2003) and by the Municipal Assembly August 20, 2002 (AR #2002-224).

The District's approved Elementary Educational Specifications, November 2000, provide for a standard 26-classroom school. The Chugach Optional program deviates in many ways from this standard. It currently supports 10 classrooms; the classrooms are configured in an open concept plan with limited walls and doors, which provide flexibility for their program delivery; it utilizes portions of the classrooms to store larger amounts of program material since there are combined classes for grades 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6. As in other older schools, space for school specialists and special education programs are lacking and have been incorporated to meet school needs. Additionally, the change to all-day kindergarten has provided the need for a second kindergarten classroom to support this school's program. Reductions have been made to some program areas to support the need for larger classrooms. These program areas adjustments are illustrated in Attachment B.

Chugach Optional Elementary School is located on the southeast corner of 12th Avenue and E Street near downtown Anchorage. It occupies approximately 3.5 acres of a larger site shared with Central Middle School. The existing 10-classroom school delivers an

alternative educational program for kindergarten through sixth grade. The school serves an average of 250 students and capacity is controlled through the District's lottery program. The current enrollment is 239. The existing school was complete in 1973. It has had some minor improvements over the years and received a new roof in 2000.

The proposed Schematic Design is a result of a collaborative process, which has involved school staff, parents, 12th Avenue neighbors and South Addition Community Council members. A Schematic Design presentation was made to the South Addition Community Council and Chugach Optional Elementary School Community Assembly at their last meetings. Both groups were supportive.

Chugach Optional Elementary School Addition and Renovation work will relocate the administration area to an addition on the southwest side of the school and the library to an addition on the east side of the school. This will allow for the reallocation and renovation of the existing core to meet the needs for two adjacent kindergarten classrooms, provide contiguous space for the multi-grade classes, and allow sufficient student support spaces in the same area. The enclosed art room is located between the classrooms and the multipurpose area. It will provide a kitchenette for use by the community for special programs as well as support the needs of the school and Campfire program.

On April 2, 2002, voters approved \$500,000 to fund design for the Chugach Optional Elementary School Addition and Renovation. Subject to obtaining construction funding in April 2003, construction will begin in the spring of 2004 and complete for school opening September 2005. The construction cost estimate for this project is \$5.6 million.

The Schematic Design site plan, site survey, floor plan and perspective views for the new additions to the school are included in Attachment A. Supplemental Education Specifications are provided as Attachment B.

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Attachments

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