

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #144 (2009-2010)

November 9, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR MEARS MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOM UPGRADE CHANGE ORDER

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, caring, barrier-free schools. Ensure public accountability through effective consultation with community to ensure wise use of financial resources and responsible construction and maintenance of facilities, and effective communication with students, staff, parents, community and government at all levels.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to approve allocation of funds for the Mears Middle School Special Education Classroom Upgrade change order in the amount of \$50,000.

PERTINENT FACTS:

In April 2003 voters approved bond funding for Districtwide Minor Building Renewal projects at various locations throughout the district. Bond Counsel allows balances from completed projects to be allocated to additional capital projects similar in nature. Balances from completed building renewal projects were allocated to address renovations to the existing special education classroom at Mears Middle School to accommodate level 3 special needs students.

To support the needs of the level 3 special education program at Mears, the existing special education classroom was reconfigured to include a life skills area and additional storage. The storage room was converted into a fully accessible toilet with a dedicated changing table and a washer and dryer.

During the construction of the Mears Middle School Special Education Classroom Upgrade project, an unforeseen and unexpected situation was encountered. When the concrete slab was removed to install the new

underground sanitary sewer piping, multiple electrical conduits were exposed in the area of the new piping and at elevations that prevented the installation of a gravity drain line. Several options were explored and the most cost effective solution was to install a pressurized sanitary sewer lift station.

The table below shows that interest accrued from bond sales is available through allocation to fund this work. Bonds with active projects are continuing to accrue interest, and this interest will be maintained to assure adequate funding for completion of existing projects. The specific allocation is approximate as shown, and may vary in small amounts.

School	Project Description	Estimated Cost	Fund Source
Mears Middle School	Special Education Classroom Upgrades	\$50,000	1994A Interest Earnings

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