

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #16 (98-99)

August 10, 1998

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SCHEMATIC DESIGN AND EDUCATIONAL
SPECIFICATIONS FOR BAXTER ELEMENTARY RENOVATION
AND ADDITION

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Schematic Design and Educational Specifications and authorize the Superintendent to proceed with the design development and construction plans for the Baxter Elementary Renovation and Addition project.

PERTINENT FACTS:

On April 15, 1997 the voters approved bond funding for planning and preliminary design for nine schools. Baxter was one of the elementary schools. In September 1997 the School Board approved a professional services contract to Bezek Durst Seiser to be the design firm of record for the Baxter Elementary School Renovation and Addition project through ASD Memorandum #48 (97-98).

Preliminary project information was presented to the School Board through ASD Memorandum #140 (97-98), 1998 General Obligations Bonds. On April 21, 1998, the voters approved \$9,700,000 in bond funding for Baxter Elementary School Renovation and Addition. This funding will provide a 26-classroom school renovation including the addition of eight classrooms. The project will incorporate the District's Elementary School Educational Specifications modified as appropriate for this existing school.

The architect met with the building committee and facilities staff to develop and refine proposed design solutions. The building committee is composed of the school principal, community members, teachers, PTA, architect and the District's project manager.

Additions are planned in four locations. These are on each side of the building for four classrooms each, adjacent to the gym for the multi-purpose room and kitchen and at the front entry for the administration. The design will provide 26 enclosed classrooms some of which are rectangular and others of a polygon shape. Renovations to existing space are included for art, music, IMC and computer technology lab. The administration area is relocated to the front on the school for increased observation of school activities. Additional school support spaces identified within the educational specifications are provided within the existing renovated school space and shown in the attachment. The gym area is existing and is to receive minor modifications.

Building systems will be modified, renovated and/or replaced to provide high quality systems to support the renewed life of this school. Mechanical systems will meet the requirements for increased heating capacity to comply with updated minimal outside air requirements. A fire sprinkler system will be provided as required by the Municipality. The electrical system will be replaced with a larger system to meet the demands for increased power and equipment loads. Communications infrastructure to support technology will be extended throughout the building. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements will be incorporated and the original 1973 roof will be replaced.

Site improvements include playground relocations and upgrades to meet the District playground standards. Parking is upgraded to provide increased access and accommodate the additions. Fire lanes are modified and drainage improvements are planned. A free skating area is planned for the northwest portion of the site.

The Baxter Elementary School's Schematic Design and Educational Specifications with Supplement (Attachment A) is presented to the School Board for their review and approval. The estimated construction budget is \$7,160,000.

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Attachment

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