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Date: 6-11-02

Submitted by: Chairman of the Assembly  
at the request of the  
School Board

Prepared by: Anchorage School District  
For Reading: June 11, 2002

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2002-176

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY APPROVING  
THE PRELIMINARY (CONCEPTUAL) DESIGN OF THE POLARIS K-12 SCHOOL  
ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 14.14.060(e) provides that the Assembly approve the  
preliminary design approved by the School Board for design of school facilities, and

WHEREAS, the School Board has approved the preliminary design, consisting of a  
Conceptual Plan, for Polaris K-12 School Addition and Renovation Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

Section 1. The Assembly hereby approves the preliminary design for Polaris K-12 School  
Addition and Renovation Project.

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and  
approval by the Anchorage Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, 2002

Dick  
Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST

Guy Meyer  
Municipal Clerk

AM 491-2002

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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MEMORANDUM

June 11, 2002

TO: THE HONORABLE GEORGE WUERCH  
ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT *Carol Comeau*

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY (CONCEPTUAL) DESIGN FOR  
THE POLARIS K-12 SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION  
PROJECT

In accordance with AO NO. 2000-106(S), this memorandum provides information required for submission and approval of the preliminary design for Polaris K-12 School Addition and Renovation Project. The preliminary design consists of a conceptual design to increase the size of Polaris K-12 School from a 14 to a 23 classroom school. The Conceptual Design was approved by the School Board on June 10, 2002 .

The School Board approved the selection of McCool Carlson Green Architects to be the Architects of Record on January 14, 2002 (ASD Memorandum #160 2001-2002) and the Municipal Assembly approved the selection on January 15, 2002 (AR 2002-7).

AO NO. 2000-106(S) requires a description of the proposed school site, school building and building program; the projected student population; the total construction budget and the funding source; the projected project schedule; and any known neighborhood impacts, comments, reactions, which reflect potential impacts of the school building on the neighboring community. These responses follow:

Polaris K-12 School is located on a 9.8 acre site at 1444 East Dowling Road. The 35,264 gross square foot building delivers alternative educational programs for kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The school was converted from an old movie theater and opened in 1994. Immediately five portable classrooms were needed with a sixth portable classroom added to serve the growing school population.

The Preliminary Plan design is based upon the approved Polaris K-12 School Educational Specifications for 500 students approved by the School Board on November 26, 2001 (ASD Memorandum #117 (2001-2002)).

Polaris K-12 Addition and Renovation work will retain the existing two story structure while removing the single story structure on the west side of the school. The new addition will be located on the north and east sides of the existing building. Access to the school will be provided via Ashwood Street from the south. The existing parking is to be located on the west side of the building with the playfield on north west side with direct access from the gym. The playground is located on the east side of the building and the habitat area remains in its present location southeast of the school.

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2 The existing two story building will provide space for administration, multipurpose room,  
3 art, four classrooms, and resource rooms along with building support spaces. The new  
4 addition will provide space for the library, gym, 16 classrooms, three science rooms,  
5 music and program and building support spaces.  
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7 Polaris K-12 School is over capacity. The existing school facility has an Alaska  
8 Department of Early Education and Development (EED) capacity of approximately 148  
9 students, based on an enrollment that is half elementary and half secondary. Not included  
10 in this EED capacity are the six portable classrooms that support the educational  
11 program. The current enrollment is 454 students. The educational specifications were  
12 developed for a 500 student school.  
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14 On April 2, 2002 voters approved \$700,000 in design funding for Polaris K-12 School  
15 Addition and Renovation project. Subject to obtaining construction funding in April  
16 2003, construction is presently scheduled to start in 2004.  
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19 All Building Design Committee meetings were attended by members of ASD Facilities  
20 Department and members of the Polaris K-12 School administration, staff, teachers, and  
21 parents. All concerns brought up at these meetings have been addressed in the design,  
22 and there are no anticipated negative impacts on the school building or neighboring  
23 community.  
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25 Attached is a set of Preliminary (Conceptual) design drawings.  
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Attachment

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE  
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE  
AGENDA DOCUMENT CONTROL SHEET**

(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION)

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<b>1</b>	<b>SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT</b> APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY (CONCEPTUAL) DESIGN FOR THE POLARIS K-12 SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT	<b>DATE PREPARED</b> 6/4/02	
		Indicate Documents Attached <input type="checkbox"/> AO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM	
<b>2</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT NAME</b> ASD FACILITIES DEPT.	<b>DIRECTOR'S NAME</b> RAY AMSDEN	
<b>3</b>	<b>THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY</b> RAY AMSDEN, DIRECTOR	<b>HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER</b> 348-5156	
<b>4</b>	<b>COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY</b>	<b>INITIALS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
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	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer		
	Heritage Land Bank		
	Management Information Systems		
	Office of Management & Budget		
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	Operations Manager		
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	Health & Human Services		
	Merrill Field Airport		
	Municipal Light & Power		
	Police		
	Port of Anchorage		
	Public Transportation		
	Public Works		
	Solid Waste Services		
	Water & Wastewater Utility		
	Other		
	Carol Comeau, Superintendent, Anchorage School District	<i>CKC</i>	<i>6/5/02</i>
	George Vakalis, Asst. Superintendent, Support Services	<i>W</i>	<i>6/5/02</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>Special instructions/Comments</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; margin-top: 10px; position: relative;"> <span style="position: absolute; top: 5px; right: 5px; font-size: 1.2em;">9.B3. Action</span> </div>		
<b>6</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED</b> 6/11/02	<b>7</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED</b> 6/11/02