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Submitted by: Chairman of the Assembly at the
Request of the Anchorage School
District
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For Reading: February 3, 2004

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ALASKA

ORDINANCE NO. AO 2004-25

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-SIX MILLION THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND AND NO/00 DOLLARS (\$36,380,000) OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE TO PAY THE COSTS OF EDUCATIONAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AT AN ELECTION IN AND FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE ON APRIL 6, 2004.

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. It is hereby determined to be for a public purpose and in the public interest of the Municipality of Anchorage (the "Municipality") to incur general obligation bonded indebtedness in an amount not to exceed Thirty-Six Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand and no/00 Dollars (\$36,380,000), for the purpose of paying the costs of planning, designing, acquiring property for, site preparation, constructing, acquiring, renovating, installing and equipping educational capital improvement projects within the Municipality including, but not limited to, the following:

<u>Projects</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Districtwide Security Upgrades - Locks Phase 2	\$1,300,000
Multi-School Security System Upgrades	1,250,000
Multi-School Sprinklers (Eagle River, Mt. View and Gladys Wood)	950,000
Districtwide Roof Replacement and Repairs	1,000,000
Districtwide Mechanical Upgrades	12,230,000
Heavy Equipment Replacement	985,000

Districtwide Minor Building Renewal Projects	6,890,000
Districtwide Code/Hazmat/ADA Projects	800,000
Replacement School Buses	830,000
Districtwide Electrical Projects	9,345,000
Multi-School Traffic Safety Planning/Design	200,000
Traffic Safety/Site Upgrades	600,000

Section 2. The sum of not to exceed Thirty-Six Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand and no/00 Dollars (\$36,380,000) shall be borrowed by, for and on behalf of the Municipality for the aforesaid educational capital improvements and shall be evidenced by the issuance of general obligation bonds of the Municipality. The bond proceeds shall be used only for capital improvements and costs of issuance of the bonds. The full faith and credit of the Municipality is pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds, and ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property in the Municipality shall be levied without limitation as to rate or amount to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds when due.

Section 3. An election is to be held on April 6, 2004, in and for the Municipality of Anchorage, for the purpose of submitting a general obligation bond proposition to the qualified voters of the Municipality for approval or rejection. The proposition must receive a majority vote of those in the Municipality voting on the question to be approved. The proposition shall be substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. _____

EDUCATIONAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Shall Anchorage borrow up to \$36,380,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds to pay for educational capital improvements within Anchorage?

The general obligation bond proceeds will be used to pay costs of planning, designing, acquiring property for, site preparation, constructing, acquiring, renovating, installing and equipping educational capital improvement projects within Anchorage.

The proposed educational capital improvement projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

<u>Projects</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
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Multi-School Security System Upgrades	1,250,000
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Traffic Safety/Site Upgrades	600,000

Voter approval of this bond proposition authorizes for each \$100,000 of assessed real and personal property value (based on the estimated 2004 assessed valuation) an annual increase in taxes of approximately \$14.64 to retire the proposed bonds.

The debt will be paid from real and personal property taxes levied and collected areawide in Anchorage. Anchorage will also pledge its full faith and credit for payment of the debt.

Anchorage is currently seeking State reimbursement for payment of 70% of the principal and interest on approximately \$29,365,000 of these bonds and 60% of the principal and interest on approximately \$5,000,000 of these bonds. State reimbursement is subject to annual legislative appropriation.

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Section 4. The proposition, both for paper ballots and machine ballots, shall be printed on a ballot which may set forth other general obligation bond propositions, and the

1 following words shall be added as appropriate and next to a square provided for marking
2 the ballot or voting by a machine:

3 PROPOSITION NO. _____ Yes ☐

4 No ☐

5 Section 5. Section 2 of this Ordinance shall become effective only if the proposition
6 described in Section 3 is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the
7 proposition at the regular election on April 6, 2004. The remaining sections of this
8 Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and approval.

9 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Assembly of Anchorage, Alaska, this _____
10 day of February 2004.

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13 Chairman

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 74-2004

Meeting Date: February 3, 2004

From: ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Subject: AO 2004-24 Three Ballot Propositions to Provide
AO 2004-25 for the Issuance of General
AO 2004-26 Obligation Bonds for Educational
Capital Improvements

The Anchorage School Board approved three ballot propositions to provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds for education-related capital projects on December 8, 2003: ASD Memorandum #134 (2003-2004), 2004 General Obligation Bond Recommendations. This recommendation includes proposed Proposition I for School Renovations/Additions and Site Acquisition in the amount of \$95,830,000; Proposition II for an Administrative and Training Facility in the amount of \$30,000,000; and Proposition III for Major Maintenance and Equipment in the amount of \$36,380,000.

The School Board requests the Anchorage Assembly place the three propositions on the April 6, 2004 ballot for consideration by qualified voters of the Municipality of Anchorage. These propositions will pay the cost of capital improvement projects for the Anchorage School District, including, but not limited to, the following:

Proposition I: \$95,830,000

<u>Projects</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Annual Operating and Maintenance</u>
School Renovations/Additions and Site Acquisition:		
East High School		
Phase 4A Construction and Phase 4B Design	\$ 7,500,000	\$ 0
Bartlett High School Phase 3 Design	2,000,000	0
Chugiak High School Phase 4 Design	900,000	0
Clark Middle School Preliminary Design	400,000	0
Muldoon Area Middle School Construction	52,000,000	1,943,500
Chester Valley Elementary School Construction	15,000,000	105,800
Sand Lake Elementary School Construction	10,900,000	29,400
West High School/Romig Middle School Planning	200,000	0

Inlet View Elementary School Design	700,000	0
Rabbit Creek Elementary School Preliminary Design	100,000	0
Turnagain Elementary School Design	900,000	0
Girdwood K-8 School Planning	100,000	0
Elementary School Planning (Airport Heights and New Southwest Area)	130,000	0
Site Selection and Acquisition	<u>5,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Proposition Total	<u>\$95,830,000</u>	<u>\$2,078,700</u>

The approximate annual amount of taxes on \$100,000 of assessed real and personal property value (based on estimated total 2004 assessed valuation) to retire the proposed debt is \$38.56. However, the District has submitted applications for 70 percent State debt reimbursement on \$7,500,000 of the bonds and 60 percent State debt reimbursement on \$82,900,000 of the bonds. If the projects are approved and the State chooses to make full reimbursement, the annual increase in taxes would be \$16.44 (based on \$100,000 of 2004 assessed real and personal property value). State reimbursement is subject to annual legislative appropriation. An annual increase in the municipal tax cap of approximately \$9.79 on \$100,000 of assessed real and personal property value (based on estimated total 2004 assessed valuation) is to pay for annual operation and maintenance costs related to the proposed capital improvements.

Proposition II: \$30,000,000

<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Annual Operating and Maintenance</u>
Administrative and Training Facility	\$30,000,000	\$0

The approximate annual amount of taxes on \$100,000 of assessed real and personal property value (based on estimated total 2004 assessed valuation) to retire the proposed debt is \$12.07. However, the entire \$30,000,000 of bonds qualifies for 60 percent State debt reimbursement. If the State chooses to make full reimbursement, the annual increase in taxes would be \$4.83 (based on \$100,000 of 2004 assessed real and personal property value). State reimbursement is subject to annual legislative appropriation. There will be no annual increase in the municipal tax cap to pay for annual operation and maintenance costs related to this project since the operating cost is expected to be a net decrease from current rent and utility payments.

Proposition III: \$36,380,000

<u>Projects</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Districtwide Major Maintenance:	
Districtwide Security Upgrades – Locks: Phase 2	\$ 1,300,000
Multi-School Security System Upgrades	1,250,000
Multi-School Sprinklers (Eagle River, Mt. View Gladys Wood Elementary Schools)	950,000
Districtwide Roof Replacement and Repairs	1,000,000
Districtwide Mechanical Upgrades	12,230,000
Heavy Equipment Replacement	985,000
Districtwide Minor Building Renewal Projects	6,890,000
Districtwide Code/Hazmat/ADA Projects	800,000
Replacement School Buses	830,000
Districtwide Electrical Projects	9,345,000
Multi-School Traffic Safety Planning/Design	200,000
Traffic Safety/Site Upgrades	<u>600,000</u>
Proposition Total	<u>\$36,380,000</u>

The approximate annual amount of taxes on \$100,000 of assessed real and personal property value (based on estimated total 2004 assessed valuation) to retire the proposed debt is \$14.64. However, the District has submitted applications for 70 percent State debt reimbursement on \$29,365,000 of the bonds and 60 percent State debt reimbursement on \$5,000,000 of the bonds. If the projects are approved and the State chooses to make full reimbursement, the annual increase in taxes would be \$5.16 (based on \$100,000 of 2004 assessed real and personal property value). State reimbursement is subject to annual legislative appropriation. These projects will not increase annual operating costs.

A brief description of the projects in the three bond proposals is provided beginning on page 5 of this memorandum.

Supporting Information

Since 1993, the Anchorage School District has received voter approval for a total of \$844 million in school construction and renovation bonds. Of this amount, approximately \$645 million has received up to 70 percent State reimbursement through grant funds or debt reimbursement programs.

Recent bond issues have focused on replacing, renovating, or adding high schools. These projects have included a replacement school for Dimond High; new high schools in South Anchorage and Eagle River; and renovation and upgrades at Chugiak, East, Service and Bartlett High Schools.

Proposition 1 of this bond proposal continues phased implementation of the high school renovation projects. In addition to the high school projects, this bond proposal includes construction funding for a new Muldoon Area Middle School and renovation/additions at Chester Valley and Sand Lake Elementary Schools. It also includes funding for development

1 of design/build proposals for replacing Clark Middle School and Rabbit Creek Elementary
2 School, as well as designs for two elementary schools; conceptual planning for three
3 elementary schools; and site acquisition funds.

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5 Proposition 2 of this bond proposal provides funding for a centralized Administrative and
6 Training Facility, which will allow for consolidation of administrative spaces currently
7 housed in seven locations, five of which are leased.

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9 Proposition 3 includes major maintenance and equipment items. The Districtwide major
10 maintenance projects include security; sprinklers; roof replacement/repairs; mechanical,
11 electrical, and code upgrades; and traffic safety design and upgrades. This proposition also
12 includes ten replacement school buses and replacement of heavy equipment for the
13 Maintenance Department.

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15 **Documentation of Need:**

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17 The District operates and maintains the largest physical plant of any public entity in the State,
18 with over 7 million square feet of facilities. The replacement value of District buildings
19 exceeds \$1.4 billion. The District has 94 facilities, housing approximately 50,000 students
20 and 5,000 staff members. Anchorage educates 37 percent of the total student population of
21 the State. Not only is the inventory large, it is aging. Sixty-three schools are 20 to 50 years
22 old and eight are over 40 years old. It has more students than the total of the next five largest
23 districts.

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25 **Building components wear out.** Facility systems only last so long. Roofs deteriorate and
26 leak; heating and plumbing systems wear out and no longer provide good air quality;
27 structural systems give way. Various code changes require updating electrical systems, ADA
28 access, asbestos removal, sprinkler and fire safety upgrades.

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30 Functional obsolescence is another fact of life for older schools. Over the life of a school,
31 programmatic changes take place that demand updating the facility infrastructure. There is a
32 continual need to update the electrical distribution systems in the schools to accommodate
33 current technology. Older schools have outdated science rooms that also limit curriculum
34 options. Current educational concepts dictate physical layouts that are often different from
35 those of 30 to 40 years ago. Without renovation, these schools do not provide our students
36 the same quality educational environment as our newer schools.

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38 **Additional capacity** to house the constantly shifting student population is the third
39 component of capital requirements. Anchorage is the largest district in the State, and while
40 its overall enrollment has been steady in recent years, the geographic distribution of students
41 continues to shift as new housing developments come on line. To meet short-term capacity
42 needs in the affected schools, the Anchorage School District uses over 130 relocatable units.

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44 **Effective use of operation and maintenance funding** is critical to keeping Anchorage
45 schools in good condition. The District uses a computerized preventative maintenance
46 program; continually reviews the maintenance program to implement better ways of doing
47 business; has regionalized maintenance teams to provide better service and reduce travel
48 time; has implemented an apprenticeship program at no cost to the District to improve worker
49 skills and productivity.

1 **Capital Request Advisory Committee**

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3 The District's Capital Request Advisory Committee (CRAC) met on November 5, 2003 to
4 review options and develop recommendations for a spring 2004 bond. The Committee
5 recommended three bond packages totaling \$167,715,000. The School Board carefully
6 reviewed these recommendations and concurred with the findings of the CRAC, with the
7 exception of minor changes in funding due to updated budget information, for three bond
8 packages totaling \$162,210,000.
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11 **Discussion of Debt Retirement Funding From HB 2003**

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13 HB 2003 passed in May 2002 combined with the Statewide approval of Proposition C in
14 November 2002, provides for 60 percent or 70 percent debt reimbursement on school
15 construction projects that have received local voter approval between June 30, 1999 and
16 December 31, 2004. The amount of each proposition eligible for reimbursement is provided
17 earlier in this memorandum. The school projects that add space should be eligible for 60
18 percent reimbursement, and those projects that are renovation only should be eligible for 70
19 percent reimbursement. The school buses, maintenance equipment, and school planning
20 projects will not be eligible for this debt reimbursement program. The sites acquired through
21 this bond may be reimbursed in the future, depending upon when the land is purchased and
22 when schools are constructed on these sites.
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25 **Project Descriptions**

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27 **East High School Phase 4A Construction and Phase 4B Design**

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29 Funds in this bond will continue the project of bringing the school up to current Districtwide
30 High School Educational Specifications by establishing academic areas supported by major
31 educational components. This portion of the work will incorporate the following:
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33 Phase 4A Construction: This phase will renovate the old performing arts area for the
34 permanent location of the library and will complete the south classroom wing.
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36 Phase 4B Design: This phase will renovate the southwest (Benson Building) classroom wing,
37 and improve the access and safety for bus parking.
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39 **Bartlett High School Phase 3 Design**

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41 Phased funding over time will bring the school up to current District Educational
42 Specifications by establishing Core Academic Areas supported by major educational
43 components. Built in the early 1970's as a junior and senior high school each with separate
44 entries, this project will unite the school by re-directing the Main Entry into the school's
45 heart, "Main Place."
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47 Phase 3 will provide for renovation of the core academic classrooms in the west wing, the
48 Technology Education classrooms, Intensive Needs area, Cafeteria, and entrance plaza.
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1 Chugiak High School Phase 4 Design

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3 Prior capital projects at Chugiak High School have provided for renovation of the classrooms
4 in Family Consumer Science, Art, Technology, Science, House 2, and House 3, as well as
5 constructing a new gymnasium, cafeteria, and kitchen. Phase 4 will make minor renovations
6 to House 1, classroom renovations to House 4, improve bus loading and parking, and other
7 exterior upgrades.

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9 Clark Middle School Preliminary Design

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11 Planning accomplished to date has indicated that Clark Middle School should be replaced,
12 rather than renovated, due to the unsuitability of the current structure to meet current
13 education specifications, and the cost of renovation. The funds requested in this bond
14 proposition will be used to develop a detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit offers
15 from design/build teams to adapt one of the existing middle school plans to this site and
16 construct a new school there. There are a number of issues at the Clark site that need to be
17 analyzed prior to preparation of the RFP, including geo-technical, utility easements, options
18 for dealing with the current facility during construction, and other program and technical
19 details. The funds requested will be used to carry out this preliminary investigation as well as
20 for the preparation of the actual RFP.

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22 Muldoon Area Middle School Construction

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24 The voters have previously approved funding for purchase of property and design of a new
25 Muldoon Area Middle School. This proposition will fund the construction cost for this
26 school.

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28 Chester Valley Elementary School Construction

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30 Chester Valley Elementary School was constructed in 1964, with a classroom and
31 multipurpose room addition constructed in 1967. This school is approaching 40 years of age.
32 The voters have previously approved funding for design of this project, which is a major
33 renovation of the existing building plus the addition of a gym and expansion to a standard 26-
34 classroom elementary school.

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36 Sand Lake Elementary School Construction

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38 Sand Lake Elementary School was constructed in 1958. It has several building systems that
39 need upgrading, including mechanical, electrical, communications, and fire suppression. The
40 voters have previously approved funding for design of this project, which will renovate the
41 major systems in the facility and refurbish the surfaces, as well as add classrooms to upgrade
42 this facility to a standard 26-classroom elementary school.

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44 West High School/Romig Middle School Planning

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46 West High School is the oldest high school in Anchorage. It has had improvements in prior
47 capital projects, including a new science wing, pool, and systems upgrades. However, both
48 West High School and Romig Middle School have additional work required to bring them
49 into compliance with the current educational specifications. This project will begin the
50 planning for the necessary improvements.

1 Inlet View Elementary School Design

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3 Inlet View Elementary School was built in 1957. While it has had various upgrades and
4 renovations in the past, the planning work accomplished to date indicates that a major
5 renovation is required at this time. This project will add classroom space, a multi-purpose
6 room, renovate the interior spaces, and provide for site improvements.
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9 Rabbit Creek Elementary School Preliminary Design

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11 Planning accomplished to date has indicated that Rabbit Creek Elementary School should be
12 replaced, rather than renovated, due to the unsuitability of the current structure to meet
13 current education specifications, as well as the cost of renovation. The funds requested in
14 this bond proposition will be used to develop a detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit
15 offers from design/build teams to adapt the existing elementary school prototype design to
16 this site and construct a new school there. The preparatory work for the RFP will include
17 further site reviews, geo-technical reviews, utility studies, and other information needed to
18 prepare an adequate RFP
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20 Turnagain Elementary School Design

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22 Planning accomplished to date has indicated that Turnagain Elementary School should be
23 renovated, rather than replaced. Even though the school is nearly fifty years old, its structure
24 can be renovated to effectively utilize newer technologies and to meet the current educational
25 specifications.
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27 Girdwood K-8 School Planning

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29 The Girdwood area continues to grow, and the Girdwood K-8 School is not adequate in size
30 or program to accommodate the current needs. This project will begin the planning process
31 to determine the best course of action for this facility.
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33 Elementary School Planning (Airport Heights and New Southwest Area)

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35 The original Airport Heights Elementary School was constructed in 1954. While several
36 upgrades and additions to this facility have been implemented since then, it is now time to
37 review the overall effectiveness of this facility in efficiently meeting the District's current
38 educational specifications.
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40 The southwest area of Anchorage has been experiencing consistent growth, and more
41 residential development is scheduled for the next several years. Already, the schools serving
42 this area are operating over capacity. The funds from this proposition will be used to develop
43 a plan for a new elementary school in the southwest area of Anchorage.
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45 Site Selection and Acquisition

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47 With the increased pace of development in Anchorage, it is prudent to identify future school
48 site needs and acquire the sites prior to the need. Also, with the diminishing number of large
49 parcels of land in the Anchorage Bowl, the District needs to acquire property while it is still
50 available as vacant land.
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Administrative and Training Facility

Administrative functions are currently housed in 10 locations throughout Anchorage. The proposed administrative and training facility is intended to co-locate administrative functions currently housed at 7 locations in approximately 120,000 square feet of space. The District leases spaces for 5 of the 7 locations. These leases are paid out of the Operating Budget, and are set to expire in June 2005. Limited extensions have been negotiated, should they be required, but the cost of leasing will rise as extensions are negotiated. To continue to lease such facilities over the next 25 years would cost an estimated \$50 million in "lifetime costs". "Lifetime costs" for a facility owned by the District would be significantly less than those of leased facilities. This is particularly true, given the current opportunity to obtain 60 percent reimbursement from the state for debt payment cost on this facility. The proposed administrative and training facility includes a conference and training center, expansion capability for underserved current needs and possible future growth, and encompasses approximately 130,000 square feet of program space.

Districtwide Security Upgrades- Locks: Phase 2

This will continue the project to replace door hardware in classrooms and other occupied offices along the corridors to allow the locking of doors from inside the rooms. Currently, teachers and staff cannot secure their classrooms or offices from within these spaces.

Security System Upgrades

These projects are important in providing improved security for the following schools:

Abbott Loop, Chugiak, Rogers Park Elementary Schools; Hanshew Middle School; Steller 7-12 School; West High School.

Sprinkler Installation

These projects will install sprinkler systems throughout the following schools:

Eagle River, Mt. View, and Gladys Wood Elementary Schools.

Roof Replacement and Repairs

Ongoing replacement and repairs of roofs and roof structures as problem areas are identified in multiple school sites.

Districtwide Mechanical Upgrades

Various heating/boiler systems need to be upgraded or replaced; ventilation controls need to be updated; various water and waste water systems and parts of systems need to be upgraded; other mechanical issues need to be addressed. These projects are important in providing basic heat, ventilation, and utility services to the facilities in the District, and will impact the following schools and facilities:

Aurora, Birchwood, Chugiak, Fire Lake, Government Hill, Homestead, Klatt, Mt. Illiamna, Mt. Spurr, Orion, Airport Heights, Bear Valley, College Gate, Huffman, Lake Otis, North Star, Ravenwood, Spring Hill, and Tudor Elementary Schools; Girdwood K-

8; Goldenvue, Gruening, Hanshew, Mears, and Romig Middle Schools; Steller 7-12; Bartlett, Chugiak, Service and West High Schools; Facilities, and Warehouse.

Heavy Equipment Replacement

The Maintenance Department maintains all school grounds in Anchorage School District. This project will replace or enhance the snow removal and exterior maintenance equipment needed to do this job.

Districtwide Minor Building Renewal Projects

These are minor renewal projects needed in schools Districtwide to resolve a myriad of existing major maintenance issues for systems with useful lives exceeding 20 years. Sidewalks; library shelving; energy conservation; carpet replacement; restroom renovation; ceiling tile replacement; window and door replacements; and various architectural surface replacements make up the bulk of this work. The multi-school projects will be impact nearly every school in the District, while individual projects are planned at Airport Heights, Lake Otis, North Star, Tudor, and Ursa Major Elementary Schools.

Districtwide Code/Asbestos/ADA Projects

Due to the age of the District's facilities, there remains many asbestos-containing building materials including flooring, pipe insulation, wallboards, insulated doors and fireproofing. As this EPA controlled hazardous material deteriorates, is uncovered or restricts construction or maintenance, it must be repaired, encapsulated or removed to protect occupants and workers. Additionally, many issues arise each year related to providing accommodation under ADA regulation and code compliance. These include emergency lights and handicap access. These concerns must be acted upon in a timely manner to assure our buildings are safe and accessible for students, staff and the general public.

Replacement School Buses

This project represents the replacement of 11 school buses. The District currently has a fleet of 127 school buses. The District has established a maximum age of 12 years and a fleet average age of 8 years for buses owned and operated by our contractor. Next year twenty-six of the buses in the District fleet will be more than 12 years old. The new buses will replace 1988 model buses used to transport special education students. The average mileage of the buses is expected to be approximately 160,000 miles when they are declared surplus in 2005. Newer buses are equipped with electronic fuel management systems and electronically controlled transmissions, which means they are more fuel-efficient and produce less pollution than the older buses they will replace. New buses are also equipped with air ride suspensions and air brakes, which help to reduce maintenance costs.

Districtwide Electrical Projects

Electrical projects that are part of this request include: fire alarm system upgrades; lighting replacement or upgrades; emergency generator replacement; and general electrical upgrades. These projects are needed to assure a safe environment for students and staff, and to provide adequate, efficient lighting in areas currently lacking proper lighting. These projects will impact the following schools and facilities:

1 North Star and Willow Crest Elementary Schools; Central, Goldenview, Gruening,
2 Hanshew, Mears, and Romig Middle Schools; Girdwood K-8; Bartlett, Chugiak, Service,
3 and West High Schools; Facilities, Student Transportation, and Warehouse.
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5 Traffic Safety Planning
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7 This project includes traffic safety planning for improved bus, student, and staff safety at:
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9 Abbott Loop Elementary School; Goldenview, Hanshew, and Mears Middle Schools.
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11 Traffic Safety/Site Upgrades
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13 This project will upgrade traffic safety at Chinook Elementary School by constructing a road
14 turnaround at West 87th and making improvements to the north parking lot. This project will
15 also fund the completion of traffic safety upgrades at Gladys Wood Elementary School.
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17 The information that has been provided in this memorandum should assist the Assembly in
18 making decisions regarding placing the recommended bond propositions on the ballot for the
19 April 6, 2004 Municipal Election.
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21 Respectfully submitted,
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23 *Carol Comeau*
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25 Carol Comeau
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Municipality of Anchorage
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE
Agenda Document Control Sheet

AO 2004-25

(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION)

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1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT AO 2004-25 An Ordinance Providing For The Submission To The Qualified Voters Of Anchorage, Alaska, The Question Of The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$36,380,000 Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Municipality Of Anchorage To Pay	DATE PREPARED January 26, 2004 PM 4:56
		Indicate Documents Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AO <input type="checkbox"/> AR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM
2	DEPARTMENT NAME Chief Financial Officer	DIRECTOR'S NAME Janet Stokesbary
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY Wholforth, Vassar, Johnson & Brecht	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER (907) 742-4369
4	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INITIALS
	Mayor	
	Heritage Land Bank	
	Merrill Field Airport	
	Municipal Light & Power	
	Port of Anchorage	
	Solid Waste Services	
	Water & Wastewater Utility	
	Municipal Manager	
	Cultural & Recreational Services	
	Employee Relations	
	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer	
	Fire	
	Health & Human Services	
	Office of Management and Budget	
	Management Information Services	
	Police	
	Planning, Development & Public Works	
	Development Services	
	Facility Management	
	Planning	
	Project Management & Engineering	
	Street Maintenance	
	Traffic	
	Public Transportation Department	
	Purchasing	
	Municipal Attorney	
	Municipal Clerk	
	Other	
	Carol Comeau, Superintendent	<i>Carol Comeau</i> January 26, 2004
	Janet Stokesbary, Chief Financial Officer	<i>Janet Stokesbary</i> January 26, 2004
5	Special Instructions/Comments	
	<i>Introduction</i>	
6	ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED February 3, 2004	7 PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED February 17, 2004