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at the request of the
School Board
Prepared by: Anchorage School District
For Reading: August 29, 2006

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2006-217

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY APPROVING
THE PRELIMINARY (CONCEPTUAL) DESIGN FOR THE CLARK MIDDLE
SCHOOL RENEWAL 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 Clark Middle School Renewal Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

Section 1. The Assembly hereby approves the preliminary design for Clark Middle School Renewal 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 29th day of August, 2006.

Dan Sullivan
Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST

Barbara E. Gruenke
Municipal Clerk

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AM 546-2006

MEMORANDUM

Aug 29, 2006

TO: THE HONORABLE MARK BEGICH
ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Carol Comeau

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY (CONCEPTUAL) DESIGN
FOR THE CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL RENEWAL PROJECT

In accordance with AO NO. 2000-106(S), this memorandum provides information required for submission and approval of the preliminary design for Clark Middle School Renewal Project. The preliminary design consists of a conceptual design to increase the size of the School from a 41 to a 49-classroom school meeting Clark Middle School's Educational Specifications. The School Board approved the Educational Specifications for the Clark Middle School Renewal Project on May 1, 2006, ASD Memorandum #248 (2005-2006). The School Board approved the Conceptual Design on Aug 14, 2006, ASD Memorandum #5 (2006-2007).

The School Board approved the selection of McCool Carlson Green – Architects as the Designer of Record on January 23, 2006, ASD Memorandum #169 (2005-2006) and the Municipal Assembly approved the selection on February 14, 2006 (AM 55-2006).

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:

Clark Middle School is located in northeast Anchorage at 150 Bragaw Street where Mountain View Drive and Bragaw Street intersect. It occupies an irregularly shaped 28.4-acre site with: commercial businesses on the north and east sides; the Glenn Highway, residential housing and major retail stores beyond on the south side; and a new shopping center under construction, electrical utility substation and residential trailer park on the west side. Vehicular access from the north is through a signalized intersection on Mountain View Drive and from the east off Bragaw Street.

1 The existing 41-classroom school has an additional 10 portable classrooms on
2 site. The facility was built in 1959 and a library was added in 1994. The school
3 has had a minimal amount of upgrade since its original construction 47 years
4 ago. Except for the library addition, the existing facility is deficient in all major
5 building system categories.

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7 The school currently serves grades seven through eight. September 30, 2005's
8 enrollment was 791 students, equaling 134 percent of capacity. Eight teaching
9 teams provide a mainstreamed approach to English as a Second Language (ESL)
10 and Special Education students. Special programs, such as Title 1 and 21st
11 Century Learning Center, support unique educational needs of Clark's students
12 and community. The existing library space was originally designed for joint
13 school and community use as the city's Mountain View Branch Library.
14 However, joint use was unsuccessful due to conflicting hours of operation and
15 security of adult library volumes inappropriate to students' ages. Prior to
16 construction it is anticipated that the Mountain View Branch Library will be
17 moved to a new permanent location – possibly returning to its original 1970's
18 location in the Municipality's Parks and Recreation facility at the corner of
19 Bragaw Street and Mountain View Drive. The proposed renewed school is
20 planned for 9 teaching teams to support students in grade six through eight with
21 flexibility to also accommodate the grades seven through eight model.

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23 The projected student enrollment is 941 for the 2010-11 school year and is
24 expected to remain relatively constant for the next 5-year period. The Clark
25 Middle School upon renewal will accommodate a standard ASD Middle School's
26 49 teaching stations for 1,058 students. However, Clark offers more
27 individualized and unique programs than other District middle schools due its
28 diverse ethnicity and special education population. These conditions result in 49
29 standard stations and 19 auxiliary teaching stations, resulting in a 990-student
30 capacity.

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32 The current Clark Middle School has 133,592 gross square feet. The proposed
33 renewal consists of cost-effective renovation, demolition and additions. This will
34 result in approximately 174,570 gross square feet and bring Clark Middle School
35 up to the District's full-size 1,058-student middle school. School improvements
36 will provide areas for Core Academics, Special Education, Career Education,
37 Physical Education, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, and Food Services. The
38 existing Library will be renovated providing additional area for Administration
39 and Student Services. Facility improvements include replacement of HVAC
40 systems, building communication systems, power, lighting, finishes, and
41 providing fire protection/life safety components. Site work provides: a strong,
42 safe pedestrian link from the school's main entry to Mountain View Drive; and
43 parking lot redevelopment to separate parent drop-off traffic from bus traffic.
44 The bus staging area used at the beginning and end of the school day can
45 provide event parking for cars at other times. The site's southern portion
46 provides areas for: track & field, softball, multi-purpose field activities (eg.
47 soccer), multi-purpose courts (eg. basketball), skating and site drainage.

1 Development of the Clark Middle School design has been challenging due to
2 constraints of the existing school facility, its site, and the need to support the
3 educational program continuing in the school during construction. A series of
4 public Building Design Committee meetings began in March 2006. Working
5 with the Committee, McCool Carlson Green developed a total of sixteen
6 conceptual design options. These culminated in the proposed design which
7 embodies the best features.

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9 Subject to obtaining funding, design is scheduled to be completed in the spring
10 of 2007 with construction start following in the same summer. This anticipates
11 construction completion in 2010. In order to maintain this schedule, the School
12 Board approved partial design funding for Clark Middle School Renewal, using
13 interest earnings and project balances in the amount of \$1,635,830 on June 26,
14 2006, ASD Memorandum #337 (2005-2006). Additional funding to continue the
15 design and add construction funding is contingent upon voter approval of a
16 future bond proposition. Preliminary construction cost, based on the conceptual
17 design and the current bid climate is in the range of \$45-49 million.

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19 The design team of McCool Carlson Green - Architects has worked closely in a
20 collaborative effort with Clark Middle School's Building Design Committee,
21 students, and staff to produce the Conceptual Design. Public involvement has
22 been actively sought with presentations at: three meetings each of the Mountain
23 View Redevelopment Oversight Committee and Mountain View Community
24 Council; two meetings each at Russian Jack and Northeast Community Councils;
25 one meeting each at Airport Heights Community Council; and at Mountain
26 View's Arts & Cultural District Group. Additional outreach included: hosting a
27 booth at the Mountain View Project Fair; project displays at the school; a project
28 website that provides current information on project progress; attendance at all-
29 school evening events and parent breakfasts and lunches. These provided
30 opportunities to share information, answer questions, and distribute
31 questionnaires.

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33 During the Building Design Committee meetings, there were two community
34 concerns: One is maintaining a tree buffer from the Glenn Highway on the south
35 campus perimeter. This has been addressed to the maximum extent possible by
36 realigning the softball field to preserve existing vegetation. The second was the
37 ability for northbound Bragaw St. traffic to access one of the parking lots with a
38 left-hand turn. This determination will be made by Municipal Traffic and the
39 State of Alaska DOTPF staff. Two Mountain View area citizens requested that
40 parking not divide the school from Mountain View Drive, suggesting more use
41 of the Bragaw Street access. Clark's approved Educational Specifications require
42 separation of bus from car, vehicle from pedestrian, and service from other
43 traffic. Separate parking with separate access from Mountain View Dr. and
44 Bragaw are provided to meet these needs. The Concept Design puts
45 Admin/Student Services, Visual and Performing Arts, Dining and Special
46 Education spaces on the school's north side for closer connection to Mountain
47 View Drive. The Classroom Pods' south views enhance security through passive
48 supervision of playing fields and courts. These concerns for safety, security and

1 functional traffic needs dictate that much of the parent/staff/visitor parking is to
2 be located on the north side of the school.
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| 1 | SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT | DATE PREPARED | |
| | ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY (CONCEPTUAL) | 08/17/2006 | |
| | DESIGN FOR THE CLARK M.S. RENEWAL PROJECT AM 546-2006 | Indicate Documents Attached <input type="checkbox"/> AO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM | |
| 2 | DEPARTMENT NAME | DIRECTOR'S NAME | |
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| 3 | THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY | HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER | |
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| | Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer | | |
| | Heritage Land Bank | | |
| | Management Information Services | | |
| | Property & Facility Management | | |
| | Purchasing | | |
| | Other | | |
| | Carol Comeau, Superintendent, ASD | | |
| | George Vakalis, Asst. Superintendent, Support Services | | |
| 5 | Special Instructions/Comments | | |
| | <i>Consent Agenda - Resolution for Action - Other</i> | | |
| 6 | ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED | 7 | PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED |
| | 08/29/2006 | | N/A |

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