

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #14 (2004 - 2005)

August 2, 2004

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR  
ESSENTIAL SCHOOL PROJECTS TO BE HELD CONCURRENT  
WITH THE NOVEMBER STATE GENERAL ELECTION

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board adopt the attached resolution in support of a special election for essential school projects to be held concurrent with the November State General Election.

PERTINENT FACTS:

It is in the best interest of our taxpayers and our students that we go forward requesting a special election for selected school bonding. This is especially true in light of the fact that the needs will not go away and we have the opportunity for State debt reimbursement if the bonding is approved by the voters prior to December 31, 2004.

The Department of Education and Early Development has approved the construction projects for 60 percent debt reimbursement, subject to annual appropriation, by the State Legislature.

The Municipality of Anchorage can hold a special election in October or it can be held in November concurrent with the State and General Election. The cost of a special election in either October or November remains the same.

It is believed however, that voter turnout at the State General Election in November will be substantially greater than October, an important consideration. As a result, it is requested that the Board seek approval from the Lt. Governor and the State of Alaska Division of Elections to allow the special

election for these much needed school projects to be held concurrent with the November State General Election.

CC/GV/LAW/rs

Attachment

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Approved by: Carol Comeau, Superintendent

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**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR ESSENTIAL SCHOOL PROJECTS TO BE HELD CONCURRENT WITH THE NOVEMBER STATE GENERAL ELECTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Anchorage School Board is proposing a bond proposition for the purpose of funding essential school projects; and

**WHEREAS**, construction projects have been approved by the Department of Education and Early Development for 60% debt reimbursement subject to annual appropriation by the State Legislature, but the opportunity for reimbursement of these projects expires on December 31, 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to allow voters to voice their opinions on funding these projects and to maintain the opportunity for reimbursement, a special election will be required prior to December 31, 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, a special election can be held by the Municipality of Anchorage in October which will expedite the process or the special election can be held in November concurrent with the State and General Election; and

**WHEREAS**, voter turnout for a special election is of concern to the Anchorage School Board because it believes that voter turnout at the State General Election in November will be substantially greater than in October; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anchorage School Board finds that voter turnout is a very important consideration because the voters have previously rejected bonds for these projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of a special election in either October or November remains the same; and

**WHEREAS**, holding the special election in November with the State General Election requires the active cooperation of the State of Alaska.

**NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved**, that the Superintendent, the President of the Anchorage School Board and the Chair of the Anchorage School District Legislative Subcommittee contact the Lieutenant Governor to secure the active cooperation of the State of Alaska, Division of Elections so that the special election for these school projects can be held concurrent with the November State General Election.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of August 2004.**

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD

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Carol Comeau, Superintendent