

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #61 (2004-2005)

October 25, 2004

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: WENDLER MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATIONS - ONE PERCENT
FOR ART

PERTINENT FACTS:

Chapter 7.40 of the Anchorage Municipal Code defines the process for selection and acquisition of art to be displayed in public places, including public school buildings. This code authorizes the Municipality to select the artist and the artwork, with a review of the proposed artwork by the school district only as to its safety and maintenance factors. The artwork has been reviewed and approved by the District's Risk Management Department and Anchorage Fire Department. The artist has agreed to their safety recommendations, which will be addressed in the artist's contract.

The jury established for the Wendler Middle School Project has chosen an artist to create artwork for the school. The artwork consists of the following:

Wendler Middle School Renovation

Artist: Barbara Yawit and Andy Daoust, Weet Design Group, LLC.

Location: Exterior sculptures and interior corridor, front entry and skylight LED lights

Description: Stainless steel sculptures and LED Lighting in the exterior front; suspended treated dichroic Lexan and LED lights in the skylights.

Budget: \$150,000

Account Code: 77027-5430

This selection was reviewed and discussed by the Anchorage School District Risk Management Director, Mike Klawitter, on August 17, 2004, and John Peck, MOA Fire Marshall, on August 18, 2004. Safety and maintenance concerns noted will be part of the artist's contract.

Natalie Chomyk-Daniels, the art teacher at Wendler Middle School is the school representative and serves on the jury along with the architect of the project Jerry Neubert, for USKH. The principal, Joel Roylance, also served on the jury. Other members include Sharon Boling representing the Arts Advisory Commission; Bill Penrose representing the Historical and Fine Arts Commission; Alan Christopherson representing the Urban Design Commission. Also serving on the jury is professional artist Artemis BonaDea and Suzie Stranik, a community member and member of the Public Art Committee.

In accordance with the One Percent for Art ordinance, the commission may file an objection to this selection with the Public Art Committee by October 26, 2004 based upon technical reasons of safety or maintenance. A public hearing was held on August 23, 2004, at Wendler Middle School and no objections were raised.

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