

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #334 (2004-2005)

June 27, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR EAST HIGH SCHOOL  
RENOVATION PROJECT, PHASE 4B1

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Schematic Design for the East High School Renovation Project, Phase 4B1 and authorize the Superintendent to proceed with the design pending Municipal Assembly approval of the Schematic Design.

PERTINENT FACTS:

East High School is located on a 37-acre site in mid-town Anchorage at the intersection of East Northern Lights Boulevard and Bragaw Street. The 331,626 net square feet, two-story school facility delivers educational programs for grades nine through twelve. It was built in 1960 before Northern Lights Boulevard existed. In 1971 the Benson Building was added as a Junior High School facility. In 1972 a cafeteria was built to serve both the High School and the Junior High School. During the same time frame, a new gymnasium and swimming pool were added. As a result of the gym addition, the old gym was converted to the library, which was subsequently changed into the Commons Area in 2002. As new junior high schools were built, the facility was amalgamated into a single high school, housing 2,000 students.

The Schematic Design is based on Districtwide High School Education Specifications adopted by the Board on June 8, 1998, ASD Memorandum #299 (1997-1998), and Supplemental Educational Specifications and the Conceptual Master Plan developed by Winchester Alaska, Inc., ASD Memorandum #274 (1999-2000 Revised).

On June 14, 1999, the School Board approved the selection of Winchester Alaska, Inc. as the Architect of Record, ASD Memorandum #336 (1998-1999). Winchester

Alaska, Inc. has been assisted by the nationally known school planners, KKE Architects, Inc. from Minneapolis.

In 1997, the voters approved funding for planning and preliminary design for the East High School Renewal Project. In November 2004, the voters approved \$891,000 to fund the design of Phase 4 of the East Anchorage High School Renewal Project. The construction cost estimate at this stage of design is \$5,600,000.

This phase of construction will completely renovate the outdated area known as the Benson Building, resulting in new, modern, state-of-the-art classrooms. This area will become the Southwest Academic House, designed for four hundred students.

Membership in the Building Design Committee (BDC) was solicited from the East Anchorage High School staff and faculty, students, and parents. The BDC has met on several occasions with members of ASD Facility representatives and the Winchester Alaska design team. The design team also met separately with department heads, Staff, and Teachers as a part of this design process.

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Attachment

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