

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #151-S (2022-2023)

May 23, 2023

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: DR. JHARRETT BRYANTT, SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FUNDING ALLOCATION OF CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDS

ASD Core Value: The District will be open, transparent and accountable to the public.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the School Board approve and authorize the allocation of \$45,498,119 from Unallocated General Funds and Unallocated Capital Project funds towards safety projects across the district.

PERTINENT FACTS:

ASD Memorandum #024S (2022-2023) approved transfer up to \$37,712,912 to the Capital Projects Fund. The source of these funds is through School Bond Debt Reimbursement (SBDR) received from the State of Alaska Legislature. Memorandum #024S requires that proposed projects are toward large-scale capital projects which prioritize student, staff, and community safety and security. Proposed projects are to be presented to the Board for prior approval.

Additional funding is available from FEMA reimbursement received for earthquake repairs. Through fiscal year 2021-2022, the District has received \$20,177,185 from FEMA, all of which has been recorded in the General fund to repay costs incurred and fund additional capital projects. After repaying the General Fund through FY 2021-2022, \$9,585,207 is available for redirection by the School Board.

PROPOSED PROJECTS:

Steller Secondary School Access Control

The general scope of work is to provide a buzz in system, access control with FOB readers, and new doors and hardware at the main entry and doors to the teachers parking lot. This will provide additional security by limiting access to non-authorized persons.

Upon approval of this memo, the estimated timeline for completion is during summer/fall 2023.

1980's Prototype Schools - Library Soffit Repairs

The general scope of work of the library roof and soffits at Bear Valley, Fire Lake, Spring Hill, Klatt, and Ravenwood elementary schools will address buckled studs and cracked gypsum board after the heavy 2022-2023 winter snow load. Damage was noted in the libraries at Klatt and Spring Hill and is anticipated to be a concern at all five schools.

The estimated timeline for completion is during the 2023-24 school year.

Scenic Park Elementary School Roof

The existing roof at Scenic Park elementary is a combination of older EPDM and Inverse Roof Membrane Assembly (IRMA) that has developed leaks, causing interior damage. The general scope of work is to replace the low sloped roof sections installed in 1990; these roof sections are beyond the expected life of the system and failing. This work will include roof structural/seismic renovations, and address snow drift load. Currently this project is shown in the Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan, on the proposed 2024 Bond. In discussions with the Maintenance & Operations Department the condition of the roof has rapidly declined and the concern for interior damage is increasing. They asked that this project be moved forward and funded prior to the 2024 Bond, if possible. Funding this project now will either decrease the potential 2024 Bond, or allow for other project(s) to move forward from later years.

Upon approval of this memo, the estimated timeline for completion is Fall of 2025.

Bayshore Elementary School Roof Structural Repair - Phase 1

The general scope of work is to repair joists and reinforcing snow drift in classroom 1 at Bayshore elementary. A structural condition assessment was

performed in December 2022, and some existing joists were noted to be a concern to the structural engineer, one joist with a vertical crack that varied in width, one joist that had been notched, and overall grade of the wood is likely poor. The Structural Engineer is not concerned about the immediate collapse of these joists, but they have recommended that we address these concerns as soon as financially feasible. The Administration will ensure that these joists are inspected periodically until the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

This funding will also upgrade some additional areas around the building where drifting snow may cause adverse effects to the roof. These upgrades are easily accessible from below, so it is suggested they be done as a part of this scope of work.

This project is proposed to be accomplished in phases. Upon approval of this memo, phase one is estimated to be completed during summer 2023, this will solve the concerns in classroom 1 and the easily accessible snow drift areas. The remainder of the suggested work is considered voluntary upgrades, that do not have the same level of concern from the Structural Engineer, and may be completed during a future remodel or roofing project.

Creekside Park Elementary School Playground

Creekside Park Elementary School is a Title I school, serving approximately 400 students, including an intensive Life Skills Program. The existing playground is limited to no more than a 25-student usage. This project will add additional swings, play structures, improve fall protection surfacing and improve inclusive access to students with mobility concerns. The school is a true 'neighborhood' school that has regular and on-going use through the school year and into the summer months, including frequent summer learning programs.

Upon approval of this memo, this project is estimated to be completed during summer 2024.

West High School IT Building Demolition

The general scope of work will be to abate and demolish the abandoned IT Building located on the West High School/Romig Middle School campus. This building has become a nuisance to the schools and the neighborhood and needs to be removed. The project will include limited site restoration to make the area visually appealing.

Upon approval of this memo, the estimated timeline for completion is during the 2024-25 school year.

Ursa Major Elementary School Renewal – Department of Defense Grant Match

The Department of Defense (DOD) has invited the Anchorage School district to participate in the Public Schools on Military Installation (PSMI) program. This invitation is the result of available appropriations and Ursa Major Elementary School being ranked as #64 in having the most serious capacity or facility condition deficiencies on the April 15, 2019, Public Schools on Military Installations Priority List. The program provides 80% of the cost of replacement or renovation of schools identified in the PSMI’s priority list. ASD is required to provide 20% matching funds to receive the grant. Due to the extensive seismic repairs needed, full replacement of the school is the lowest cost option at approximately \$55.6M. Therefore, ASD would need to provide \$11.25M in matching funds.

Rebuild Inlet View Elementary School

The scope of work for the replacement of the current Inlet View Elementary School building includes the demolition of the existing building and the construction of a new building on the existing site. This work will include new building, site circulation, and site improvements. The current design has been approved at every level within the municipality, and is simply awaiting funding. This memo would authorize \$26,158,119. The use of these funds would significantly lower the amount required in the FY24 spring bond package, and open up space for other deferred capital or maintenance needs.

The following table provides specific details regarding recommended allocation:

CAPITAL PROJECT ALLOCATION

DESCRIPTION	FUND SOURCE	FROM	TO
Unallocated General Funds	Unallocated GF	\$9,585,207	
Unallocated Capital Project Funds	DW Unalloc. SBDR Funds	\$35,912,912	
Steller Secondary School Access Control			\$105,000
1980’s Prototype Schools - Library Soffit Repairs			\$715,000
Scenic Park Elementary School Roof			\$5,720,000
Bayshore Elementary School Roof Structural Repair - Phase 1			\$50,000
Creekside Park Elementary School Playground			\$500,000

West High School IT Building Demolition			\$1,000,000
Ursa Major Elementary School Renewal - Department of Defense Grant Match	Unallocated GF		\$9,585,207
	DW Unallocated SBDR		\$1,664,793
Rebuild Inlet View	DW Unallocated SBDR		\$26,158,119
TOTALS		\$45,498,119	\$45,498,119

ASD Memo #144 requested allocation of \$1.8 million for Multi-Sensory De-Escalation Room conversions. This request would allocate all remaining SBDR funds that were provided to the District in FY23.

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