

# South Addition Community Council

## Resolution in Support of Inlet View Elementary School Replacement

October 28, 2021

Whereas, South Addition parents and the Inlet View Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has worked closely for several years with the school district to develop a design for Inlet View; and

Whereas, Anchorage residents have already bonded for design of a new school, which is at 65% design and could proceed to construction if it were placed on the FY 2022 school bond and approved by voters; and

Whereas, given the age of Inlet View, it is more cost effective and will provide a superior learning environment to build a new school rather than renovate one of the oldest school buildings in Anchorage; and

Whereas, Inlet View is a valuable part of this community, and the South Addition Community Council strongly supports public education and our local schools; and

Whereas, the 2020 ASD bond that funded the design of the replacement school referenced the "existing site" for the location of the replacement school. This was interpreted by many voters and community members to imply the new school was going to be located where the existing school sits; and

Whereas, the proposed design has 85 parking spots. The current parking lot has 36 spots; and

Whereas, \$83 million was allocated in the ASD 2020 bond to address districtwide earthquake damages resulting from the 2018 7.1 earthquake; and

Whereas, the Inlet View lot is located entirely within the "Red" highest level seismic zone. The north-end of the lot is just barely inside the "Red" zone, while the south-end is deeper into the "Red" high seismic zone; and

Whereas, ASD Educational Specifications: 4.4.3 Accessibility Goals states: "The design must consider equitable access of all school facilities, beyond ADA's minimum standards"; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, the South Addition Community Council urges the School Board to include Inlet View Elementary replacement funding on the 2022 school bond; and

Be it further resolved, the South Addition Community Council urges the school district to reduce the parking spot count to at least the one spot per six students code requirement, and possibly less as requested by the building design committee; and

Be it further resolved, the South Addition Community Council urges the school district to eliminate any pedestrian crossings within any parking lot, as they are an unnecessary safety hazard for students that walk to school; and

Be it further resolved, the South Addition Community Council urges the school district to reconvene the Building Design Committee and to add at least one adjacent neighbor (within one block radius of the school) and parent of future students that will attend the new school to the committee, to ensure adequate representation of all impacted parties; and

Be it further resolved, the South Addition Community Council urges the school district to task the Building Design Committee with: Objectively evaluating all eight proposed plans, with inconvenience during construction being a factor, but not an eliminating factor, and work collaboratively with the South Addition community as the project proceeds to final design; and

Be it further resolved, the South Addition Community Council urges the school district to task the Building Design Committee with: Objectively evaluating susceptibility of building damage and potential for occupant injury/death, with the single-story vs. two-story designs options, and north-end vs. south-end build locations in the event of a large earthquake event, especially in light of the \$83 million we have recently spent on damages districtwide following the 2018 earthquake; and

Be it further resolved, the South Addition Community Council urges the school district to task the Building Design Committee with: Considering the ease of school accessibility for disabled students and staff, with the evaluation of the single-story vs. two-story design options, and to ensure compliance with ASD Educational Specifications: 4.4.3 Accessibility Goals; and

Be it further resolved, the Building Design Committee shall, after the above tasks are complete, present their plan recommendation to the South Addition Community Council and the Anchorage School District.

Passed / Failed    Ayes 63 , Nays 11 , Abstentions 1 .

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