


MEMORANDUM

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Deferred Maintenance Budget
Request

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This memorandum is provided for use during development of the MEHS deferred maintenance budget request, FY25. A specific priority listing of projects is identified below. Each project also includes a brief description of the work to be accomplished.

1. Replacement of Main Girl's Dorm Roof System – Deferred Maintenance - \$998,000 – This project will replace the failed roofing system, to include rain gutters, and removal of the third-floor dormers and windows that have failed. Maintenance staff cannot keep up with the rapid degradation of the roofing system and are trying to catch water infiltration with five-gallon buckets which must be emptied weekly.
2. Dining Hall Renovation – Deferred Maintenance and New Construction - \$7,396,000 – This project will completely renovate the dining hall and kitchen and provide some realignment of the dining hall to increase the seating capacity of the dining hall. The project will replace and upgrade aging kitchen equipment including major appliances. The building interior has not had major work since 1985, the dining hall is too small to adequately allow all of the students to assemble during mealtimes, and some of the kitchen equipment is aging and is beginning to fail.
3. Replacement of Boy's Dorm and Main Girl's Dorm Windows - Deferred Maintenance - \$1,808,000 – This project will replace all of the windows in the Boy's Dorm and Main Girl's Dorm (buildings 292 & 293), with single-hung, energy efficient vinyl windows. The windows in these dormitories are worn out and the warranties have expired. Replacement parts re becoming difficult to procure due to reoccurring changes in manufacturer's ownership.
4. Emergency Generator and Switch Gear Installation, Upper Campus – Deferred Maintenance - \$1,872,000 – This project will include the installation of transfer switch gear, transformers, and conduit to intertie the upper campus electrical systems to an existing standby generator. Periodic

electrical service interruptions have resulted in the loss of servers and switch gear, rendering the school's internet, email, phone service, and security cameras inoperable.

5. Backup Generator Installation – Building 1331 – New Construction - \$794,000 – This project will install a 75 KW backup generator that will serve the gymnasium facilities including the heating plant. In the event of a power outage, the lower campus currently does not have backup power to keep the heating system running or maintain emergency lighting. The backup generator will provide enough electricity to keep the heating plant operational, providing heat as well as basic lighting to ensure student safety and comfort.
6. Superintendent Residence Asbestos Abatement- Deferred Maintenance - \$1,827,000 – This project will result in the removal of all asbestos-containing material (ACM). The facility was built in the early 1940's and is full of ACM, the most serious of which is located behind the wall and in the attic space.
7. Environmental Cleanup and Renovation of Building 288, Old Firehouse Building – Deferred Maintenance- \$927,000 – This project will renovate a single-story steel framed building that contains ACM and lead paint. The roof and siding are failing, and the building has become a public hazard. The renovation will include removing hazardous materials, siding, and roofing system. The existing structural supports will remain, and a new roof will be installed to facilitate an outdoor covered area for student activities.
8. Environmental Cleanup and Demolition of Building 296, Old Paint Shop – Deferred Maintenance- \$317,000 – This project will remove a single-story structure that was formerly used as a paint shop. The building contains ACM and lead paint, the roof is failing, and there are utilidor pipes on the building exterior containing ACM that will be abated as part of the project.
9. Dormitory Furniture Replacement – Deferred Maintenance - \$338,000 – This project includes the replacement of dormitory furniture (wardrobes, bunk beds and student desks) in Heritage Hall (building 295) and the Main Girl's Dorm (building 293). The bunk beds, desks and wardrobes in Heritage Hall were installed in 1992 and have exceeded their useful life. In the Main Girl's Dorm approximately one fourth of the bunk beds date back to the 1980's and have exceeded their useful life.
10. Student Housing Upgrades – Deferred Maintenance/New Construction - \$3,775,000 – This project will renovate space freed up by the classrooms vacated with the construction of the academic wing expansion project and convert them into dorm space in order to decrease the density of existing dorm rooms in the boys and girls dorms (buildings 292 and 293). The dorm rooms of concern are currently housing six or more students in violation of Alaska DHSS occupancy regulations. Dorm space will be constructed in the dining hall building (building 290), and the second floor of Kuspuik Hall (building 299).

A general listing of the remaining projects is shown below. As with the list above, this list will inevitably be impacted by circumstances that cannot be predicted, but it is the best approximation based on the master plan list that we have at this time. The total estimated cost for the projects listed below is approximately \$37 million.

- Deferred Maintenance building 293, Main Girl's Dorm
- Deferred Maintenance building 295, Heritage Hall
- Renovate building 295 rooms for accessible occupancy (New Construction)
- Structural and condition survey of building 299, Kuspik Hall
- Replace roof on buildings 290, 292, 297 and 299
- Major renovation of building 1331, gymnasium (Deferred Maintenance)
- Campus site improvements (Deferred Maintenance)
- Deferred maintenance building 292, Boy's Dorm
- Covered walkways connecting upper & lower campus (New Construction)
- Deferred maintenance building 299, Kuspik Hall
- Deferred maintenance building 301, Maintenance shop
- Deferred maintenance building 1330, Academic building
- Site soil cleanup
- Renovation of building 298 for storage
- Provide elevator access to second floor gym classrooms for ADA accessibility.