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July 2, 1997

Representative Eldon Mulder
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Subject: *State of Alaska Public Facilities Deferred Maintenance*

Dear Mr. Mulder,

I am writing to you concerning deferred state facility maintenance. Our company is currently involved with the integration of computerized maintenance management systems (CMMS) into many of our state facilities, and we are interested in the legislative efforts underway to address the issue of deferred maintenance. If I may, I would appreciate a few minutes of your time to add my two-cents on this subject.

As I understand it, the State of Alaska is posed with two public facility related problems:

1. No standard operating procedures for the maintenance and repair of state owned facilities, and;
2. No existing structure to accurately track and account for back-logged facility maintenance.

1. A good set of standard operating procedures (SOP) would provide the requirements for periodic maintenance of facility equipment and components. The SOP could detail the scope and frequency of each maintenance task to be done. This is most effectively accomplished with CMMS software. Once each facility had been inventoried, the State can ascertain the man-hours required to maintain the facility, and what skill levels are necessary. Preventive maintenance (PM) tasks can be scheduled according to the SOP and tracked for completion. This would ensure that the money appropriated for facility maintenance is being used for just that, and not program-related expenses.

2. When using a CMMS deferred maintenance is easily identified, because it shows-up as open Routine work orders past a certain number of months. Repairs requiring capital funding can also be tracked as Project work orders, along with current estimates for the scope of work. This allows easier prioritization of projects across multiple facilities. The age of equipment can also be reported on to anticipate future funding requirements. As you may be aware, this is just the beginning of what can be achieved by using a CMMS.

With individual CMMS programs, each department can continue to request work from their maintenance crew, using the state's SOP for facility maintenance. Their program would show in simple terms just exactly what is contained in each facility, and when it is scheduled for maintenance.

In this way the true scope of the state's facility maintenance responsibility can be ascertained. Crew size and skill levels can be established as well as special skills that are best used across larger geographical areas. Once each department has initiated a CMMS program for their facilities, the

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Department of Administration can use CMMS reports to develop continued strategies for consolidation. This will allow for full utilization of employees across different departments.

Following the DMVA's lead, DOT/PF Central Region acquired a Chief Advantage CMMS and began to inventory their buildings. In less than two years they have all of their Anchorage buildings in the program and are beginning to input their out-lying area facilities. For the first time since anyone can remember, they are tracking the preventive maintenance they perform. With all of the Anchorage buildings in the system, they are beginning to use Routine work orders to track their work requests and deferred maintenance more easily and accurately.

Additionally, DOT/PF has input over three-thousand inventory items that they use into their CMMS to track where their materials are being used, warranties from vendors, and multiple service contracts. All of this will enhance their ability to procure better, faster, and cheaper. They will also be able to tie their expenses to individual facilities. If you would like for me to explain how simple this can be, please allow me a little of your time to expand on the particulars.

State facility management employees are as good as they come. Give them the tools they need with a CMMS and the leadership they need with standard operating procedures. They deserve to be given a vehicle to professionally manage their responsibilities and relationships with users, facility managers, directors, and legislators. Compiling and assimilating the vast amount of information required to run facilities maintenance in this state is a daunting task, and as many other states have recognized, better managed through CMMS programs.

After working two years as a state facility management employee, I discovered how much the State desires to move toward a CMMS. I have attended ASFA meetings and know of the groundwork laid by DVMA and other state employees. I think I understand the majority of concerns facing state facility management and legislators.

I also understand facility management. I have worked for more than twenty years in industrial and commercial maintenance management. My background, coupled with my experience in computer software and hardware, specially suits me to assist others in developing comprehensive CMMS programs. Another great asset I bring to the table is my commitment to the development of effective organizational relationships.

I have been involved with various maintenance management program implementations over the years, and I have successfully implemented Chief Advantage CMMS programs since 1995 with the following entities:

1. ASETS Sheltered Workshop (2 buildings-1 was 24-hour)
2. Norton Sound Regional Hospital, Nome (5 buildings-3 were 24-hour)
3. DOT/PF Central Region (14 buildings)
4. Anchorage School District (92 sites with approximately 120 buildings)
5. I am also assisting the Alaska Psychiatric Hospital with enhanced integration of their current CMMS program.

In the past three years I have built a small business with employees who specialize in data entry, software customization and computer hardware configuration, as it pertains to the Chief Advantage CMMS software. I presently represent this software company in the state of Alaska. I have developed training tailored to each user's program and provide high quality support in whatever

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the situation requires. I'm the person who doesn't have numerous other jobs required of them and who can give my full attention to the task of CMMS program development.

I invite you to visit our web site and to contact me with any questions you may have regarding CMMS programs. I would be happy to assist the State in their ongoing efforts to streamline facility management. Please place High Priority Services on your mailing list for issues concerning the state's deferred facility maintenance. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Tanya Crocker
High Priority Services

cc: Senator Tim Kelly

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cc:Mail for: Representative Eldon Mulder

-----Original Message-----

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To: Representative_Gene_Kubina@legis.state.ak.us <Representative_Gene_Kubina@legis.state.ak.us>
Date: Sunday, January 11, 1998 7:10 PM
Subject: Deferred Maintenance Task Force

Dear Rep Kubina;

The purpose for this note is to express my extreme disappointment at the expressed directions and actions of the legislature on the issues of deferred maintenance and the education funding formula for this states children.

I am a father of 3 school age children and employed by the NPS at Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve. My job has brought our family to the rural setting and the blessing and benefits far out weigh any conveniences that may be lost. I am a life long conservative republican and even I am both offended and angered by the level of partisan politics we hear coming from Juneau.

Example 1) Just this week we were given copies of draft recommendations for building maintenance and replacement by this "bipartisan"? committee. This task force through out all recommendations from the DOE and their capital improvement group. The community that we live in took funds that were to support education to help to secure a BADLY needed school of our elementary age children in Kenny Lake. By following the requests and direction of the DOE we were placed on the list at #6. NOW based on this draft proposal there are now 36 schools not on last years list and many that had not even requested CIP monies from the DOE are more in need than our children. Please understand we are not talking bigger gyms. Our 124 children are crammed into 2 portables with water and restroom facilities that are not working over 70% of the school year. We are not asking for a palace just a safe and efficient place for our children to learn.

Example 2) The projection from some lawmakers that rural schools like "Copper River School District" have received more than their fair share of the state education funding is most disturbing. I will grant that during the pipeline era this may have been true. Please let me assure this is NO LONGER the case. This district is in a position of having to refuse our teachers contract request for a 2% cost of living increase, the first one in 10 years, because of lack of funds.

There is NO extra money. If the legislature reallocates the CRSD funds to the urban districts, then we will have to REDUCE the quality of education available to our children.

My request is that the legislature look at each district and their available funding before across the board reallocation is enacted. By example why is the richest per capita district in the nation "North Slope" receive 9, NINE of the top twenty CIP projects under the deferred task force findings. Why is the state paying 11 million a year to a district that has early projected budget surpluses that are larger than CRSD's entire operating budget? In late February I will fly in to Juneau to ask these questions. I thank you for your dedication to district 35 and support of the children of the Copper River Basin. I can be reached during the day at 907 822 7251.

Best regards,
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12 January 1998

Representative Gene Kubina
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Dear Representative Kubina,

Thank you for your letter dated December 9th regarding the progress of the legislative Deferred Maintenance Task Force and the list of Whittier specific projects. The letter was helpful.

As you stated, deferred maintenance needs across Alaska have remained unmet for too long. We applaud the Twentieth Legislature's efforts to address the issue given the need and associated financial challenge.

We have reviewed the list of projects you have included in your letter and find it generally agreeable.

As you know, the City of Whittier has testified of its interest in assuming ownership of the state owned Small Boat Harbor here. However, it was also our testimony that before the State transfers the facility, the accumulated deferred maintenance items need to be addressed. Given that we are planning for enlargement of the Small Boat Harbor, it is not necessary that the State actually complete all the repairs as it may be cost effective to combine deferred maintenance projects with other harbor improvement activity. Accordingly, the City of Whittier would be agreeable to receiving an appropriation sufficient to complete the deferred maintenance items. Given such an arrangement, the facility transfer could conceivably proceed in a timely fashion. This relieves the state of the facility and provides the City of Whittier necessary funding to bring the facility to proper maintenance conditions.

The one area of caution that I would like to raise is that of the Small Boat Harbor breakwater protection. Given that this element of the facility is such a large financial component, it would be only prudent for the City of Whittier to request necessary funding be directed to DOT in order for them to conduct a thorough survey of the breakwater (above and below waterline) before final transfer of the facility. Obviously, if the integrity of the breakwater is questionable, the cost of repairs could not be expected to fall to the City of Whittier. It is our understanding from the Department of Transportation, a request for such an assessment is within their overall request of \$55.0 million reported to the Deferred Maintenance Task Force as well as funding for potential repairs, should they be necessary.

Please continue to keep us informed to developments on this and other matters during the Second Session of the Twentieth Legislature. The City of Whittier will continue to have John Walsh in Juneau as our lobbyist. Please feel welcome to work with him directly throughout the session. It is our intention to visit Juneau at least twice before adjournment. We look forward to meeting with yourself and your

staff during those visits. We will provide your office our legislative priority lists as they are developed. In the meantime, we have reviewed the governor's proposed FY 99 CIP budget and support the \$850,000 Whittier sewer improvement project listed.

Again, thank you and as always, please do not hesitate to contact me at the city offices for further discussion.

Sincerely,



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City Manager

c: Whittier City Council
Governor Tony Knowles
Senator Tim Kelly
Senator Georgiana Lincoln
Harold Moeser, DOT
Representative Eldon Mulder
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The Mission of the Bering Strait School District is to educate students to become self-sufficient productive citizens in a changing world, recognized for their social, academic, and marketable skills, by providing standards of excellence, quality programs, and a supportive environment for both traditional Native and Western styles of learning.

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January 14, 1998

Mr. Eldon Mulder, Co-Chair
State of Alaska, Deferred Maintenance Task Force
Juneau, Alaska

re: Rural Schools Deferred Maintenance and New Construction

Dear Sir:

The Bering Strait School District commends the Deferred Maintenance Task Force for its efforts in developing a long range plan to address the State's critical needs in the area of deferred maintenance and new construction. The implementation of a steady, dependable funding mechanism for this purpose is the most important component in assuring success.

It has now been six years since the State has approved any new construction or major maintenance funding for schools in rural Alaska. This is the main contributing factor in the escalation of the estimates to correct the current problems. We believe that the Deferred Maintenance Task Force's Plan and the Governor's Plan both have a great deal of merit simply because they provide a consistent annual funding source. By establishing this annual funding mechanism all participants will regain confidence that eventually their particular project will be funded.

However, it is critical that the Task Force utilize the Department of Education's Priority List as the source of determining the funding of projects. The DOE has made great strides over the past few years to make the evaluation process fair and consistent. Annually, 6-year CIP Grant Applications are submitted to the DOE from all School Districts in the State. This mandate takes a considerable amount of time, effort, and resources from an already strained budget. The DOE ranks these applications by using a matrix of seventeen categories of evaluation criteria. The DOE Priority List is a result of these evaluations. Currently, the DOE List probably provides the clearest picture of where the most critical needs are for Major Maintenance and New Construction of Schools. For the DOE Process to be effective, it requires funding. For the Task Force to ignore this priority list is unexcusable.

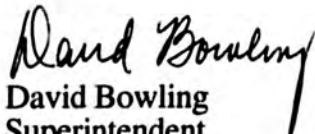
Currently the BSSD has three New Construction Projects ranked in the Top 10 of the Department of Education's 6-Year CIP Priority List. (Golovin - #8; Elim - #9; Teller - #10). These projects have repeatedly placed high over the years due to the critical need for new facilities at these locations. The BSSD has a proven track record of completing its projects in a timely manner. We are confident that we can complete any or all of these projects within twenty-four months from time funding is received. Recently we had a fire at the James C. Isabell School in Teller, Alaska. Even without proper fire equipment, we were able to save the school due to the quick and heroic efforts of the community. The school sustained over \$300,000 in damages, which will be covered by our insurance. Teller School is ranked #10 on the CIP Construction List. The manpower and funding will soon be in place to repair the damages incurred by the fire. Wouldn't it make common sense to fund at least the planning money for the Teller School Replacement so that we could combine it with our insurance dollars and begin the process of replacing the school with a new prototype model this year?

We are familiar with the Task Force's strong interest in "Prototypical Design". Our approach to this methodology is the creation of a Design Criteria Manual of building specifications that are proven in our region. This enables us to standardize equipment and components and reduce architectural and design costs by stipulating these specifications in each new school. It is still important for each school to be designed to fit each particular location and landscape, but things such as classroom layout, cabinetry, electrical, plumbing, heating, etc. are prototypical in each facility. We would be happy to share with any members of the Task Force the excellent model school facility we have put together for our school district.

On behalf of the nearly 1900 students of the Bering Strait School District, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to express our views regarding this very important matter, and we urge the Task Force to fund school construction and maintenance according to the State CIP Priority Ranking List.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,


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POM Sent: 01/20/1998

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

TOGIAK HAS 259 STUDENTS. THE SCHOOL IS IN
VERY POOR SHAPE. SOME CLASS ROOMS ARE
CROWDED. A SCHOOL THAT IS FALLING APART IS
NOT SAFE FOR SO MANY STUDENTS.

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POM Sent: 01/16/1998

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

TOGIAK HAS AN OLD SCHOOL THAT IS FALLING
APART, OR PERHAPS A BIG WAVE OR TIDE WILL TAKE
IT OFF THE SEAWALL. 259 STUDENTS NEED A
BETTER SAFER SPOT. WE HAD 217 STUDENTS LAST
YEAR. WE'RE GROWING FAST. A SCHOOL AS
CROUDED WOULD

NOT BE TOLERATED IN URBAN AREAS.

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Mr. Michael K Nanalook
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Togiak AK 99678

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Party Togiak

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Constituent: N

POM Sent: 01/27/1998

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

WE NEED A NEW SCHOOL. THERE ARE MORE LITTLE KIDS THAN THERE WAS IN THE PAST. WITHIN A FEW YEARS THE SCHOOL WILL BE OVER CROWDED AND THEY WILL HARDLY HAVE ANY ROOM FOR THE STUDENTS TO WORK IN. THE STUDENTS NEED A NEW

LIBRARY AND MORE NEW COMPUTERS.

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Party

Registered Voter Y

Constituent: N

POM Sent: 01/27/1998

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

TOGIAK IS A GROWING COMMUNITY. THE SCHOOL IS
TOO OLD. STUDENTS NEED A SAFE ENVIRONMENT
WHILE BEING EDUCATED. WE THE PARENTS ARE
CONCERNED ABOUT THE BUILDING COLLAPSING ON
OUR KIDS. SAFETY IS A BIG PRIORITY WHEN IT
COMES

TO CHILDREN.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Eldon Mulder, Co-Chair
Deferred Maintenance Task Force

FROM: Rick Tessandore, Executive Director *RT*

DATE: January 30, 1998

RE: Support For The ADA Compliance Plan

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I just received a copy of Building Alaska for the 21st Century, a deferred maintenance task force report to the governor and the legislature. I too am concerned that Alaskan state owned and state leased facilities are not in compliance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has already identified the deficiencies and even went as far as to prioritize which facilities needed upgrading first, based upon their use and importance to people with disabilities. In 1995 the cost of removing the barriers and otherwise making Alaska's public facilities accessible was estimated to be between \$50-60 million dollars.

My organization is mandated to promote and protect the legal rights of people with disabilities, which includes enforcement of the ADA. During the past six years I have had numerous discussions with state officials trying to encourage each of them to demonstrate commitment and leadership by coming up with a realistic plan for removing barriers to people with disabilities. Over the past couple of years, very little has been spent to address a \$60 million dollar problem. Your report is the first one I have ever seen that takes this problem seriously and proposes a reasonable plan for achieving compliance.

Alaskans are being asked to return to work as part of "welfare reform". Your plan (if funded) will send a strong message to people with disabilities that the State of Alaska welcomes all of its citizens to:

- come in the **front** door
- apply for jobs in a barrier free environment
- work in an accessible Alaska

I support your recommendations for a six-year plan for ADA compliance. Please contact me if you would like more information concerning its impact on people with disabilities.

RT/cdk

Cc Deferred Maintenance Task Force House and Senate Members
Senate Finance Co-Chairs
House Finance Co-Chairs

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January 26, 1998

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Reed Carlson, Principal
Kenny Lake School
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Dear Mr. Carlson:

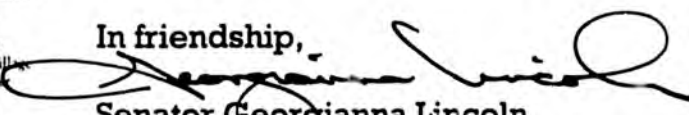
Thank you very much for contacting me regarding the Kenny Lake School. Having toured the school and had discussions with many parents and teachers, I know how very desperately a new school is needed. There has been some confusion regarding the funding for the new school and I would like to take this opportunity to explain the possible options.

Under the Department of Education school construction grant plan, the new Kenny Lake School is number six on the statewide priority list. However, last year the legislature only funded the number one school on the list, which left the other projects to be funded in later years. The first five priorities total 92 million dollars in school construction projects ahead of the Kenny Lake School. It is difficult to know at this time how much money the legislature will appropriate this year.

To secure funding at the earliest opportunity, I recommended Kenny Lake School also be placed in the recommendations for funding of the Deferred Maintenance Task Force. The Task Force prioritized schools with bonding authority in the first year and all others to follow, beginning in fiscal year 2000 (July 1, 1999). I will continue my endeavor in working with your community for a new Kenny Lake School.

Thank you again for contacting me on this critical issue for our children. Your active participation in Alaska's state government is appreciated.

In friendship,


Senator Georgianna Lincoln

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Kenny Lake School
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January 21, 1998

Eldon Mulder, Co Chair
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Representative Mulder:

The reason for this letter is two-fold. As principal of Kenny Lake School in the Copper River School District, I wish to state that I am pleased that the Alaska State Legislature's Deferred Maintenance Task Force's preliminary report to the Governor and the Legislature has devised a plan to deal with the back log of deferred maintenance and construction of educational facilities in the State of Alaska.

Secondly however, I am very disappointed that the Task Force has chosen to largely disregard the Department of Education's Capital Improvement Plan Priority List.

I can promise you that the Kenny Lake School Community is worthy of their placement of 6th on DOE's list. I can also assure you that this community and the Copper River School District Superintendent and Board of Education have worked painstakingly to show the State of Alaska that the Kenny Lake Elementary School is in need of replacement. This fact is documented and the need is real.

In reviewing the DMTF's preliminary list, I observe that the first 15 projects (from three districts: Ketchikan, Sitka and North Slope) were not even on the DOE's list. From that point, the list appropriates 9 Mat-Su and Anchorage projects, the first of which rate 17th, 43rd, 47th, 50th, 58th, 63rd and 65th on the DOE's list. This is unconscionable.

I cannot fathom how the Task Force believes it is appropriate and acceptable to disregard to such an extent the extensive work of the Department of Education in the development of their list.

Our District truly believes we have followed the correct steps required to show our tremendous needs here. Please do the right thing and place the Kenny Lake School appropriately on the DMTF Project list.

Sincerely,



Reed Carlson, Principal
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January 27, 1998

Senator Lyda Green
Representative Beverly Mashek
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Denny

Dear Representative Mashek:

As you know the Matanuska-Susitna Valley is growing rapidly. We have been increasing in student population the equivalent of about one elementary school per year. In addition, the burden of over crowded schools has increased our maintenance costs throughout the district. We are fortunate in the Valley that the Borough Assembly and School Board have placed a priority this past year on putting extra local dollars into our maintenance efforts.

There does come a time, however, with older buildings like Talkeetna Elementary where not only is the facility too small to serve the increased enrollment (we currently have five portables on site), but it is not cost effective to maintain. Our number one priority in the Matanuska-Susitna District is to replace Talkeetna Elementary. The Talkeetna community is in the process of updating their regional plan and expecting even further growth in the near future. In addition, we need to relieve the overcrowding at the elementary level in the Big Lake - West Wasilla area by building a school in the Meadow Lakes area. We also desperately need to relieve the overcrowding at the middle school level in the Wasilla - Colony area. Our voters approved all three of these projects at the 70-30 match level.

We are proud of the support we have received from our Borough Assembly, the School Board and our local voters. Our students need housing as we currently have 64 portables in the district.

Thanks for your help and please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist you in moving our needs to the top of the capitol improvement list.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Lehman, Ph.D.
Superintendent

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February 16, 1998

Dear Honorable Senator Lyman Hoffman,

The Togiak High School Student Council, on behalf of the Togiak student body would like to call the attention of our state legislatures. Governor Tony Knowles has been reviewing the **Preliminary Report to the Governor and the Legislature**, prepared by Alaska State Legislature's Deferred Maintenance Task Force. According to this document Togiak School, which is currently identified as #5 priority on the Department of Education's new school list, would move from its current standing on the FY '99 Capital Improvement ranking, to a much lower priority on the FY '00 budget.

We have been working under substandard conditions for far too long and should not have to tolerate it. Our current school consists of make-shift classrooms, temporary portables and additions. They have long outlived their uses. The last flood in '95, caused some structural damage underneath the school which has caused parts of our hallway to sag. It is only a matter of time before someone falls through. Our gym roof springs a new leak each time it rains. The rain also causes our fire alarms to go off because as the water leaks through, the rain shorts our system.

The school was originally designed to meet the needs of about 140 students, enrollment today is around 260. We have literally no space left to house another first grade which we may need next year. What was once the computer lab and library is now the High School Language Arts room, which somehow needs to be used as the computer lab during part of the day because of lack of space for the computers.

We could go on and on about the deplorable condition we are forced to work under. However, we are hoping that you will take the necessary steps to improve our current situation and ensure Togiak students a safe environment which is conducive to the learning process.

We are depending on your continued support in providing students in rural Alaska the best educational opportunities. Please reinforce to the other State Legislatures that Togiak School is in crisis and things are only going to get worse if nothing is done. If you have any suggestions on the steps we could do to expedite the development of a new school in Togiak please let us know. Again, thank you for supporting your future constituents.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Betty Wallace, Principal

February 18, 1998

Representative Richard Foster
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Re: Request for Funding This Year for New Golovin School

We have continuously requested a new school since 1981, and we have sent numerous letters to legislators, including you, with no results. As you can imagine, our patience is wearing thin. For good reason, the Bering Strait School District has listed us as their #1 construction priority for many years. For good reason, the Governor's Office through the Department of Education has listed Golovin School as top priority for a number of years. For good reason, members of the Deferred Maintenance Task Force visited Golovin this year and also saw the need for a new school in Golovin. Everyone sees the need, for good reason, because of both overcrowded conditions and unavoidable safety code violations resulting from so many years of deferred maintenance.

We have, quite simply, needed a larger school for many years, and we are in need of a new facility now. Yet we are listed recently on the DMTF recommendations list as being funded for the year 2001, which is nineteen years after we first requested a larger school for Golovin. For nineteen years, our children in Golovin have been attending the same 2000-square-foot elementary building which is severely overcrowded and in violation of serious health and fire codes. For nineteen years, our middle and high school students have attended school in one cramped classroom and have used a multipurpose room as a tiny gym. For nineteen years, we have sought help, but we have had no success.

Our students won the state volleyball championship this year because they were so committed, but the adults in Golovin cannot watch our state champions in action because the multipurpose room we use for a gym is so tiny that there is no spectator seating -- the sidelines are exactly 14 inches from the walls -- and as much as our children like to play basketball, they have to travel 16 miles by snow machine to White Mountain to use their full-size gym.

We realize the legislative process is dictated by urban interest, but we have supported you in every election, and we now want your total commitment that you will work for full funding for a school for us this year. We realize there are a lot of extraneous factors, both logistical and political, but we expect nothing less than your unqualified support for immediate funding for Golovin School.

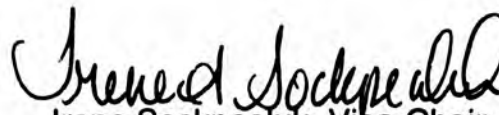
Our school district is capable of designing and constructing the school ourselves, and all the groundwork for planning has already been laid; therefore, we need full funding for construction now, and we can build this school in one year. Our children could be attending a new school year after next, rather than waiting until the year 2001 for construction to begin. According to the timeline recently adopted by the DMTF, our current high school students will never have attended an adequate school. They will have spent their entire school years in a severely inadequate facility, simply because our legislators have not been responsive.

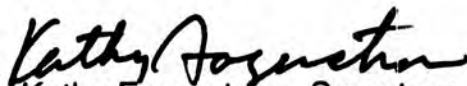
Please correspond with us regarding your intentions, and we will provide copies of your response to all Golovin residents.

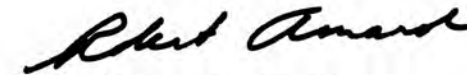
Sincerely,

GOLOVIN SCHOOL AEC MEMBERS AND PRINCIPAL


Jerry Daniels, Chair


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Kathy Fagerstrom, Secretary


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Maggie Moses, Member


Betty Wallace, Principal

cc: Deferred Maintenance Task Force (all members)
Governor Tony Knowles
Shirley Holloway, Commissioner of Education
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Olson Store
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26 February 1998

Representative Eldon Mulder
Alaska House of Representatives
Room 434
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Attention: Dennis L. DeWitt, Legislative Aide
Re: Deferred Maintenance Task Force Items

Dear Representative Mulder:

The Alaska Civil Air Patrol has many facilities throughout Alaska that have a "deferred maintenance" status and we were inadvertently excluded from your report of 10 January 1998.

Our properties are mostly originally state owned facilities or state funded facilities and they are situated for the most part on state leased lands, (airports). The condition of these buildings has declined over the years and our requests for funds other than operational funds have not been met.

Please accept the following list of properties and maintenance requirements for inclusion in your task force report or supplement. Please note that we have underground fuel storage tanks that must be removed and replaced with above ground "state of the art" tanks. Our Juneau hangar simply needs tank removal. These locations could be expensive if any leaking has occurred and remedial soil clean-up is required.

Sincerely,

William E. Dam
William E. Dam, Lt. Col., CAP
Real Estate Manager

2 ENCLOSES

DISTRIBUTION:
Senator Tim Kelly
Del Smith, Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety

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ALASKA CIVIL AIR PATROL FACILITIES WITH DEFERRED MAINTENANCE:

LOCATION	WORK	ESTIMATED COSTS
1. Kenai, Alaska	metal entry door with window and jamb	\$ 650.00
2. Kodiak, Alaska	cement floor, interior walls, toilets, and leaking roof	35,000.00
3. Kotzebue, Alaska	leaking roof by stairs and furnace stacks. replace two oil furnances	7,500.00
4. Merrill Field, Anchorage	hangar door	30,000.00
5. Juneau, Alaska	city water & sewer leaking roof two furnances two underground tanks(remove)	140,000.00 5,000.00 7,000.00 30,000.00
6. Valdez, Alaska	hangar floor paving	2,000.00
7. Sitka, Alaska	relevel building new furnance exterior paint storm windows	4,850.00
8. Bethel, Alaska	new roof new roof insulation insulation in floor winter entrys toilet & shower	10,500.00
9. Birchwood, Alaska	hangar roof reinsulation recable hangar doors two new metal entry doors 3,400 hundred gallon above ground fuel tank remove two underground fuel tanks	3,000.00 500.00 1,100.00 25,000.00 30,000.00
10. Fairbanks, Alaska	replace sewer line (freezes) UST heating oil tank 2000 gallons remove and replace carpeting boiler, hot water heater, and baseboard plug hangar floor drains paint interior walls and replace	4,000.00 4,000.00 2,100.00 5,000.00 900.00 1,700.00

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LOCATION	WORK	ESTIMATED COSTS
11. Lake Hood, Anchorage, Alaska	repair roof	10,000.00
	redo sheetrock, remove mold, ceiling tile, and repaint	4,000.00
	replace asphalt	<u>6,000.00</u>
	Total	\$ 369,800.00



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Date: 2/27/98

From: LTC WM. DAM

ALASKA WING CIVIL AIR PATROL

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To: DENNIS L. DEWITT 907 465 3518

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Regarding: DEFERRED MAINTENANCE
AT CIVIL AIR PATROL FACILITIES

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March 3, 1998

TO: Senator Tim Kelly

FAX: 465-3756

PAGES: 2

FROM: Odin Brudie, DOT&PF TRAAK Board Staff
PHONE: 465-8769
FAX: 465-6984

Re: "Deferred Maintenance"

I am transmitting Resolution No. 98-2 on behalf of the Trails and Recreational Access for Alaska - TRAAK Citizens Advisory Board, who passed the resolution at a meeting in Juneau on February 20 & 21. TRAAK brings together the state agencies that deal with recreation in order to make the best possible use of the limited resources available for community and recreational access improvements. The TRAAK Citizens Advisory Board advises the Departments of Transportation & Public Facilities and Natural Resources on matters relating to TRAAK. Please do not hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions about the TRAAK program or this resolution.

cc: Senator Drue Pearce
Senator Bert Sharp

TRAAK Citizens Advisory Board**RESOLUTION 98-2****Deferred Maintenance of State Park and Recreation Facilities**

At a meeting of the Trails and Recreational Access for Alaska (TRAAK) Citizens Advisory Board held on the 20th and 21st of February, 1998 in Juneau, the following resolution was duly adopted:

WHEREAS: 80% of the visitors to Alaska's state parks are Alaskans, and state park facilities serve the recreation needs of a broad spectrum of Alaskan families;

WHEREAS: many state park facilities, including campgrounds, picnic areas, boat launches, trails and shelters, are in poor and rapidly deteriorating condition due to deferred maintenance which now approaches \$35 million;

WHEREAS: the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation recently had to reduce or postpone approved and needed TRAAK projects due to an inability to maintain the facilities following construction; and

WHEREAS: under current funding levels, recreation facilities throughout the State Park system will continue to deteriorate, resulting in increased safety hazards, loss of fee revenue due to users choosing other better maintained facilities, and lost recreation opportunities for many Alaskans, including families;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That repair and rehabilitation of state park and recreation facilities be included in any program to address deferred maintenance of state facilities which may be enacted by the Alaska State Legislature; and
2. The annual budget for the Division of Parks and Outdoor recreation be increased to provide for maintenance of new facilities; and
3. That this resolution be distributed to Governor Tony Knowles, Senator Tim Kelly, and Representative Eldon Mulder.

Adopted on the 21st. day of February, 1998



Peter Rice, Acting Chairperson

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HAND DELIVERED

March 17, 1998

Representative Eldon Mulder
State Capital, Room 501
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: Deferred Maintenance

Dear Representative Mulder:

I am writing to sketch out a proposal to address the "deferred maintenance" issue, a topic of considerable interest during the last year. I know you have spent significant time this last year trying to develop a workable solution to this long-standing problem. It my hope that the Alaska Legislature will address this important issue in manner that will insure that the long-term maintenance needs of Alaska are efficiently meet.

The reduction in maintenance for buildings and other capital assets owned by the State of Alaska over the last several decades stems from a loss of collective political will in the Administrative and Legislative branches of government. The reduced priority for maintenance by the political system reflects a significant and widespread shift in priorities with the public, e.g. the United States spends considerably less governmental funds on infrastructure and capital maintenance than other G-7 nations. In our little slice of this world, we have undergone huge societal changes during the past two decades. Attitudes have obviously changed regarding maintenance priorities and it seems to me that the only maintenance the public really cares about is snowplowing, which really isn't maintenance at all. As a society we've somehow become focused on the short term, perhaps as a result of all our oil wealth and the fluctuations in oil prices.

In any event, if we are going to solve the problem of long-term maintenance in a society with a short-term perspective, it is essential to

remove (to some extent anyway), the propensity to log-roll the maintenance needs of our State. Here's how I'd approach the problem: First, the Legislature should establish a discrete account (along the lines of the old Railbelt Energy Fund), that will annually generate significant revenue to be used for maintenance around the state. Part and parcel of this new fund (set up as a separate fund in the General Fund¹ and administered by the Department of Revenue), is a formula consisting of who gets to apply for maintenance money and priorities for expenditures. Obviously there are some significant policy choices that politicians will have to wrestle with here, e.g., is the University of Alaska eligible to apply?, what about municipalities?, etc. Also, the Legislature will have to decide whether health and safety is more important than schools, etc. And, you might give some thought to whether entities that agree to match some percentage of money get some priority in the formula, etc. Also, as part of the formula, it would make sense to set aside a certain percentage of the funds and require that these funds will always be spent in the various regions of our state. For example, a minimum of 15% of the annual allocation will be available to fund priorities in each Judicial District so that no part of the state is without maintenance funding in any given year. The object of the regional spending scheme is to insure that the maintenance needs in the largest communities of our state do not absorb all the available maintenance funding as they surely could given the development of infrastructure during the last several decades.

Secondly, once the formula is established in law, the Legislature needs to turn the maintenance priority analysis over to a small, well-composed Maintenance Commission (five individuals with a state-wide perspective comes to mind--kind of like a good private sector Board of Directors), who will winnow through the proposals using the Legislative formula. If the fund generates \$48M annually, for example, the Commission would develop a priority list of \$48M and submit the list to the Legislature which has one opportunity to vote yes or no on the entire list submitted by the Maintenance Commission (sort of like the Base Closure Commission). This avoids the

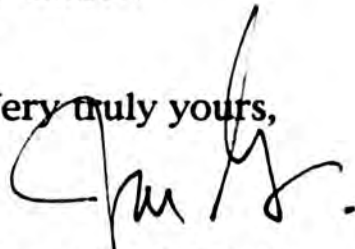
¹ Obviously an amendment to the Alaska Constitution would facilitate maintenance funding but is amendment really desirable or necessary? The Railbelt Energy Fund worked fairly well in actual practice, even if it was rather crude in theory.

understandable temptation to log-roll the maintenance needs of the state.² From a practical political perspective, the Legislature maintains several checks on the Maintenance Commission and the ability to simply end the entire program if it proves unworkable or the finances of the state require a different approach.

Third, if the Legislature approves the list, the Maintenance Commission then contracts for the approved work using a small staff of procurement specialists. I believe it is desirable to require the Maintenance Commission utilize the existing State Procurement Code and other provisions of state law, e.g., Davis-Bacon wages. What the Legislature really needs to avoid is handing over a big pile of money to DOT/PF or another agency that will devour roughly 40% of the money in "overhead." A small, competent staff of individuals reporting directly to the Maintenance Commission could administer the necessary maintenance contracts each year without establishing a huge bureaucracy. In fact, it might even be worthwhile to place a cap on the overhead the Maintenance Commission could charge for administration of maintenance projects if you are interested in performance based government.

So there's the rough concept of how the Legislature could begin meeting the long-term maintenance needs of our little state without getting into a huge political mess. You will no doubt note that I have not addressed the source or amount of funding. Frankly, given modest political will, a state with as many financial resources as ours can find the resources to launch the fund if the means of insuring an equitable and efficient spending plan are outlined in law. As with most matters, success is in the details. Please call if I can answer any questions you have about this matter.

Very truly yours,



Joseph W. Geldhof

² Unquestionably the political process will resort to the normal appropriation process for funding of special maintenance needs based on various considerations other than a rational formula—a process that is compatible with a maintenance formula solution as outlined here.

P.O. Box 16
Koyuk, AK
99753
3-19-98

Representative Eldon Mulder
Room 501, Alaska Legislature
Deferred Maintenance Task Force
State Capitol (MS 3100)
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Eldon Mulder:

I ask you to make this letter a number one issue in the state.

First of all, space all over the school is compact. We need more classrooms and labs because the high school shares two classrooms for six classes. There is absolutely no privacy because of the lack of space. Our lunchroom is so small, students have to eat in classrooms. We have a 20' by 20' foot room that is a library, computer lab, but only seven computers, and is used as an independent studies classroom.

The elementary and high school are so old the walls are cracking. This is very embarrassing when school inspectors, and visitors come in. Whenever the tiny gym is in use, the high school shakes because it's so unstable. A decent sized restroom would be nice; furthermore, a decent locker room so we could at least fit all our gym clothes in them. Right now our gym clothes are piled up in the shower room. The shower stalls are corroding because of old age.

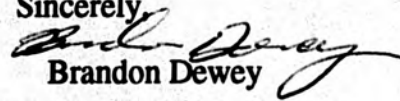
A bigger gym would be very nice. The gym we have is only about 40 by 35 feet and makes us dizzy just to look at it. Whenever activities are going on in the gym, community members can't even come to watch because it's too small. After gym nights ect., kids and adults complain about the gym size and wish it could be extended.

Now for safety. We're lucky that we haven't had a real fire in the school yet. If we do, I won't be surprised if people get seriously injured or even die. The hallways are so

narrow that when we have fire drills, students get jammed in the hallways and the lines stall.

PLEASE take this recommendation seriously, and make it one of the top issues in the state. We need better equipment for a better education.

Sincerely


Brandon Dewey

PO BOX 3
Koyuk, Alaska 99753
March 13, 1998

Representative Eldon Muldur
Room 501, Alaska Legislature
Deferred Maintenance Task Force
State Capitol (MS 3100)
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Eldon Muldur:

Hi my name is Annie Adams. I'm 16yrs old, and I'm a junior this year at the Koyuk Malemute Highschool. I'm writing you a letter about our school asking you to help us get a new and bigger school.

The first thing I'd like to tell you about our school is we have a small gym, The 100 students in the school share the small gym. When we have sports like volleyball, we hardly have any fans to watch us play, cause people have to sit next to the wall while others stand by the two double doors trying to watch us play volleyball. Sometimes the people that are watching us play get hit with the ball.

We have a PE class, and we have to run around our gym and it makes us get quite dizzy running the same direction for about 20 minutes, so our teacher lets us switch directions every five minutes.

We also need a bigger room for storing and putting all our sports equipment. We have a little room where we store our sports equipment in the gym that has stuff put in boxes or in a cabinet. Our volleyball net gets all tangled up, cause we have no room to put it anywhere to keep it out of the way. It takes 10 minutes of our free time trying to set up the volleyball net. So we need a bigger storage room for our sports equipment.

Third of all we need a computer lab and a library. The highschool has a computer lab and a library put in a small room where it gets because it is so small. You'll get tired really easily from the warm air. We have books on one wall, and on the other walls is where our computers are. That's another reason why we need a bigger school.

Last of all, we need bigger bathrooms. We have only one toilet in the ladies room, and our showers are rusty. We don't even take showers because the water is too cold or

sometimes it's too hot. When we are on break, we line up to use the bathroom, but there is not enough time for all of us to use one bathroom.

So I'm asking for a new school.

Sincerely,

Annie Adams

PO BOX 53024
Koyuk AK, 99753
March 25, 1998

Representative Eldon Mulder
Room 501, Alaska Legislature
Deferred Maintenance Task Force
State Capitol (MS 3100)
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Mr. Eldon Mulder:

Hello, my name is Malcolm Henry. I am a sophomore at the Koyuk Malemute High school. I am writing to you because we need a new school.

The bathrooms are small with one urinal and one toilet, and we don't have a locker room. We have two showers but one only works and the floor is rotting. Sometimes we have to wait to use the bathrooms because another person is using it.

The gym is 40x30ft. When ever kids run around in the gym, the high school always shakes. The walls are cracking, and the ball room is real crowded with two lockers and tons of other gym equipment.

The attic is jam packed with lots of school supplies. It is dark, small and very hot up in the attic We need adequate storage. Some of the stuff is sitting around in the hall way.

We need a new school because it is falling apart slowly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Malcolm Henry".

Malcolm Henry

Po Box 53009
Koyuk, AK 99753
3-19-98

Representative Eldon Mulder
Room 501, Alaska Legislature
Deferred Maintenance Task Force
State Capitol (MS 3100)
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Eldon Mulder:

I am writing to you because Koyuk is in desperate need of a new school. Our old school is far too small and is starting to fall apart. We are faced with all sorts of problems.

Next year the classrooms will not be big enough for the classes in them. The elementary end of the school has only two bathrooms and next year there will be 71 kids down there. Even this year the bathrooms are almost constantly in use.

Next year the students will have to eat lunch in their classrooms because already the small lunchroom is overcrowded. Another problem with the lunchroom is the elementary library, computer lab, and teacher prep area are also all in the same room. This makes it even more crowded and puts people in danger of being hurt in an attempt to make it from one end of the cafeteria to the other by paper cutters or the thermo fax. Another problem resulting from this is the danger of food being spattered all over expensive computers and other machinery. All ready one of the computer's keyboards is so grossed up the keys get stuck when typing.

Another problem with our small school is the gym. It is exceedingly puny. It is so small that the community can't participate in school activities. We have a problem even just gathering all the students in it. We can hardly play any sports, and when we run laps we always get dizzy. There is no room for a weight room or an exercise room.

Another problem with our school is the heating is inconsistent in the classrooms. Part of the cause of this is that the classrooms have been sectioned off in an attempt to provide more room. Either you are always freezing and have to wear

coats, or you're boiling and have to open all the windows and doors.

The students in the kindergarten have to attend school in another building. Every day they must inconveniently travel over here to eat lunch and for their gym activities.

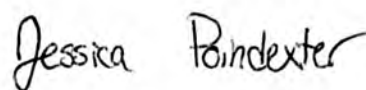
The lab in the high school science/math room is just a small part of the classroom that has been sectioned off. It is so small barely two people can do anything in there. It is also crowded enough that some of the cubboards can't be opened. We have no home-ec room at all in this school, which makes it very difficult to offer such classes. The shop is very crowded and small. We have had to build rafters and stack wood up in them for storage. We have been told it is unsafe and a fire hazard, but there is no where else to put the wood. The high school library is overcrowded, small, and stuffy. There is no air circulation in it, and it has only one small window. It is always unbearably hot and you can hardly ever find what you are looking for. Not only that, but the highschool computer lab is also in the same room which makes it even more crowded.

The foundation of our school is insecure and unsafe. Not only that, but our walls have begun to crack.

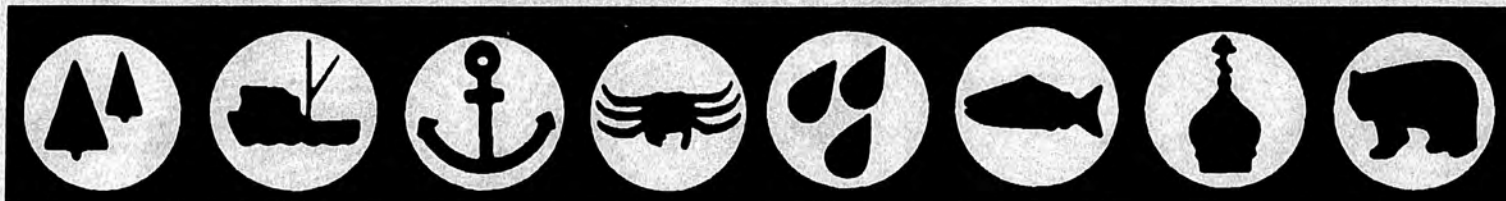
We also have no playground at this school. I have been to many other schools, and this one is the only one that doesn't have a playground. I think there ought to be one for the younger students. Not only that, but this is one of the larger schools, student population wise, with the smallest building I've seen.

I seriously think you should make the building of a new school for Koyuk a priority. It would have many benefits. With more room, and less distractions, the learning of the students might even increase, which is not very high right now. A larger gym and a playground could also keep students out of trouble during their own free time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Poindexter".

Jessica Poindexter



Kodiak Island Borough School District
Office of the Superintendent
722 Mill Bay Road Kodiak, Alaska 99615
(907) 486-9210

March 31, 1998

The Honorable Eldon Mulder
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Mulder:

The Board of Education of the Kodiak Island Borough District is pleased to enclose copies of two resolutions for your reference. Both were approved unanimously at the School Board's regular meeting held on March 30, 1998.

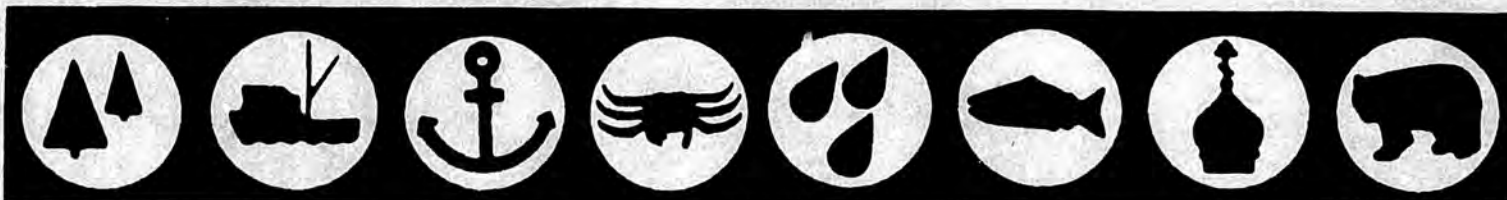
Resolution #978-3 - A Resolution Urging the Governor and the Alaska Legislature to Allocate Full Funding of Education and Resolution #978-4 - A Resolution Urging the Governor and the Alaska Legislature to Allocate Full Funding of Deferred Maintenance of State Educational Facilities show support by the Kodiak Island Borough School District Board of Education for these issues.

Copies of these resolutions have been forwarded to the Governor of the State of Alaska, the State of Alaska Legislature, and the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

Nancy B. Sweeney
Administrative Assistant

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Kodiak Island Borough School District

Resolution #978-4

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR
AND THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE
TO ALLOCATE FULL FUNDING OF
DEFERRED MAINTENANCE OF STATE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Legislature Deferred Maintenance Task Force, established by House Concurrent Resolution No. 8, was charged with the mission of identifying and evaluating all current and deferred maintenance needs for public facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force visited twenty communities and viewed many public facilities including 18 schools and 3 University of Alaska campuses, and discussed the condition of state and educational assets with many community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska submitted a list of deferred maintenance needs using the criteria of health and safety, preservation of educational programs, and relationship to other projects; and the Department of Education provided school major maintenance and school construction needs based on the statutory process of priority; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force used the following definition in collecting its data and considering projects for funding as deferred maintenance needs, *The aggregation of unfunded routine maintenance and repair and replacement which was not performed in a timely manner due to lack of available funding, lower priority, management decisions to use maintenance funds for other purposes or other recognized delaying factors, and for schools, has expanded this definition to include the need to house students; and*

WHEREAS, the Task Force adopted a report to the Governor and the Legislature on January 10, 1998 that identified state assets with deferred maintenance needs and provided a proposal for financing the needed repairs over a six-year period; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force's Inventory of Deferred Maintenance Needs includes \$196,087,224 for public schools K-12 and \$209,779,421 for the University of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the price of Alaska North Slope crude has fallen below \$11 per barrel for the first time in four years; and

WHEREAS, the 53 public school districts in Alaska and the University of Alaska system continue to spend an inordinate amount of time and resources struggling to compile an annual budget and secure the necessary resources to ensure that our children are adequately served educationally; and

WHEREAS, delaying maintenance ultimately translates into increased project costs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kodiak Island Borough School District Board of Education supports full funding of deferred maintenance of state educational facilities, and urges the legislature to provide favorable consideration to proposals to provide this funding.

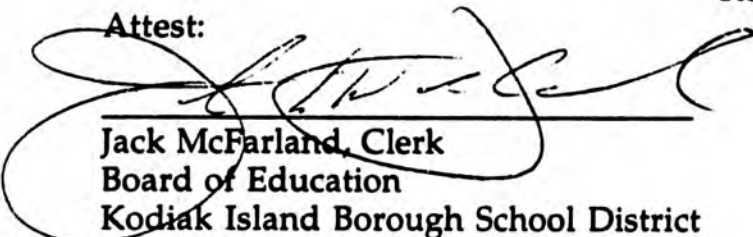
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the Governor of the State of Alaska, the State of Alaska Legislature, and the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

**ADOPTED this thirtieth day of March, 1998
BY THE KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

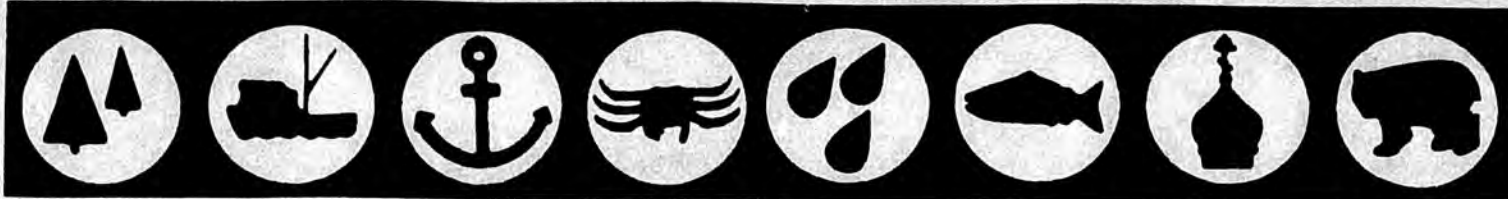


Norm Wooten, President
Board of Education
Kodiak Island Borough School District

Attest:



Jack McFarland, Clerk
Board of Education
Kodiak Island Borough School District



Kodiak Island Borough School District

Resolution #978-3

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR
AND THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE
TO ALLOCATE FULL FUNDING OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, there is no more important foundation for the great state of Alaska's future than education; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is constitutionally mandated to provide K-12 public education and opportunities for higher education to the children of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Board of Education completed adoption of the *Content Standards for Alaska Students* in 1995; and

WHEREAS, many of the components of Governor Knowles' *Alaska State Quality Schools Initiative* have been formally adopted by the Alaska State Board of Education, and the remainder will be before the Board for adoption this spring; and

WHEREAS, *Education Week's* evaluation of Alaskan education in the publication, *Quality Counts* (January 8, 1998), a comprehensive comparison of education nation-wide, pointed out a precipitous decline in resources accounting for a large part of Alaska's poor showing at a time when 44 other states are increasing support of public schools; and

WHEREAS, the price of Alaska North Slope crude has fallen below \$11 per barrel for the first time in four years; and

WHEREAS, the 53 public school districts in Alaska and the University of Alaska system continue to spend an inordinate amount of time and resources struggling to compile an annual budget and secure the necessary resources to ensure that our children are adequately served educationally; and

WHEREAS, the children of Alaska deserve every opportunity to enter adulthood equipped to successfully participate in society and contribute to the long-term enhancement of our state, nation and world; and

WHEREAS, the depoliticalization of funding for K-12 public education and post-secondary education would benefit all children and enable school districts and the university system to concentrate their efforts in promoting, planning, and implementing quality education rather than in constant debate over the level and division of funding potentially available to serve the educational needs of children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kodiak Island Borough School District Board of Education supports full funding of K-12 public education and the budget request of the University of Alaska Board of Regents to afford the children of the great state of Alaska the best education possible during this period in our state when public policy and funding for basic services are being examined and adjusted due to an overall shift away from oil dependency, and urges the legislature to provide favorable consideration to proposals to provide this funding.

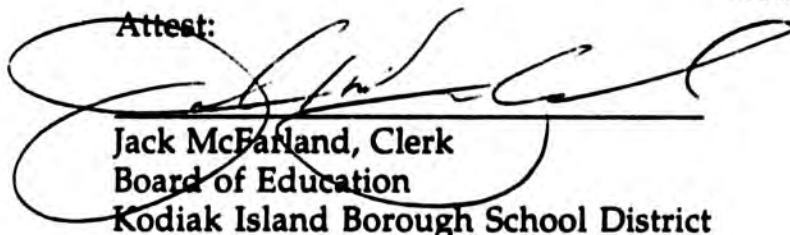
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the Governor of the State of Alaska, the State of Alaska Legislature, and the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

**ADOPTED this thirtieth day of March, 1998
BY THE KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION.**



Norm Wooten, President
Board of Education
Kodiak Island Borough School District

Attest:



Jack McFarland, Clerk
Board of Education
Kodiak Island Borough School District

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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DEFERRED MAINTENANCE TASK FORCE

Capitol Building, Room 501 • Juneau, Alaska 99801 • Phone (907) 465-2647 • FAX (907) 465-3518

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 13, 1998
TO: Task Force Members
FROM: Representative Eldon Mulder
Co-Chair
RE: White Cliff Elementary, Ketchikan

Senator Tim Kelly
Co-Chair

Mr. Tipton ask that we distribute this to Task Force Members. The report you adopted proposed funding this school in FY 99.

April 6, 1998

To: Deferred Maintenance Task Force

From: George H. Tipton
Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assemblyman
Facilities Committee Chairman

cc: Facilities Committee, Borough Assembly, School Board

Re: Capital Project Funding

As previously mentioned to you, Ketchikan is most appreciative of your recognition of our deferred maintenance in our schools. You reflected this by listing our four school projects for FY99 in your 6 year plan. With money being tight, we realize that your proposed schedule will most likely be stretched out over more years. With this in mind and the fact that our voters have already approved the bonds for all the projects, we would like to reiterate that **Number 1 Project is the funding for a replacement school for White Cliff Elementary.**

Many people will probably say this is new construction, not deferred maintenance. However, this is the oldest operating school in the State, built in 1927, so obviously the "deferred maintenance" that would be required to renovate it to today's safety, educational, etc. requirements will cost more than a new school. We are quickly approaching a time frame whereby this school will cease to exist as an educational facility due to its increasing deficiencies.

While we are hopeful for funding for all the school projects for FY99 as you identified, we wish to reiterate that at a minimum we would like to see **funding for a replacement school for White Cliff Elementary at the 70/30 split**, as recommended in the McDowell report. We are interested in utilizing a prototype design that will save money for the State and the Borough during construction and with the long-term operational costs.

As I mentioned earlier, we realize capital funding is limited, but as you have identified, there is a pressing need to start funding some of the projects this Fiscal Year. We appreciate your continued hard work and support, and look forward to receiving funding for at least this one project this fiscal year.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at the numbers listed below.

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April 21, 1998

To: Representative Gene Theriault, Co-chair
Representative Mark Hanley, Co-chair
Members of the House Finance Committee

Fr: Representative Beverly Masek

Re: School Construction Funding & SB 11

*Gene Masek and
members of House Finance*

Beverly

Enclosed with this memorandum is a packet of information on the need for renovation and expansion of the Talkeetna Elementary School. It is my hope that each member of the House Finance Committee will review the information contained in the packet and give serious consideration to the Mat-Su Borough School District's request for capital funding to complete this project.

It is the desire of my constituents to see the State of Alaska provide funds in the Capital Budget for the renovation and construction of the Talkeetna Elementary School. While the Mat-Su Borough has other school construction needs, such as Atlasta Middle School and a Meadow Lakes Elementary School, the District has identified Talkeetna as its top priority. Therefore, I bring this issue before you and request that funding be provided for this project.

On October 3, 1995, the citizens of the Mat-Su Borough passed a 70/30 Bond Issue worth \$51,950,000. However, these bonds may not be issued to pay costs of a project until the State of Alaska has authorized the project for debt service reimbursement.

Senate Bill 11 is currently before your committee. It is the desire of my constituents that the House Finance Committee insert an amendment into SB 11, which will restore authorization for school construction debt reimbursement at a 70/30 ratio. This will allow the Mat-Su Borough's bond package to remain valid and applicable for approved school renovation and construction projects.

Every member of the Legislature is keenly aware of the dire need for school construction throughout Alaska. As the fastest growing Borough in the state, the need for construction within the Mat-Su Valley is even more necessary.

We should not be remiss in our obligations to our constituents. School construction is necessary and the need is pressing. I urge the members of this committee to act in the best interests of our children and amend SB 11 and provide funding for school renovation and construction projects.

cc: Representative Scott Ogan
Senator Lyda Green
Senator Rick Halford

HIGHLIGHTS FOR FUNDING CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF A NEW TALKEETNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- For 20 years the Mat-Su Borough has been Alaska's fastest growing region
- Student enrollment has grown by 3,984 students since 1990 – a 32% increase
- The District is growing the equivalent of one elementary school per year
- 15% of the District's Buildings are over 20 years old
- **District Spends \$2.42 million per year on Maintenance [5% of the total budget]**
- **The Talkeetna School is currently 44% over capacity and is projected to be 63% over capacity in 2 years**
- 75% of all rooms in the school have water damage
- Water must be drained from light fixtures and migrates into the building through the foundation
- **Oldest school in the Mat-Su District – originally constructed in 1964**
- To handle overflow, 4 modular units were added beginning in 1985 – these lack plumbing
- **Voters in the District have already passed a 70%-30% Bond Issue to assist with construction of the new school – these bonds may not be issued to pay costs of a project unless the project has been authorized for debt service reimbursement by the State of Alaska**
- **If funded, construction could begin in 1999 and completed in 2001**

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1998 (updated 4/98)

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION GRANT FUND COMPARISON

DOE Priority	District Name	School Name	Participating Share	State Share	DOE Recommended Funding Level	Total Student Population Change 93 - 98
1	Kashunamuit	Chevak School Replacement	\$462,446	\$22,659,878	\$23,122,324	78.20
2	Chatham	Recovery of Funds - Hobart Bay	\$1,187	\$58,186	\$59,373	(55.95)
3	Lower Yukon	Pilot Station K-12	\$17,134	\$839,585	\$856,720	329.55
4	Lower Yukon	Kotlik K-12	\$17,345	\$849,928	\$867,273	See above
5	Southwest Region	Togiak	\$17,959	\$880,011	\$897,970	264.25
6	Copper River	Kenny Lake Elementary	\$83,087	\$4,071,274	\$4,154,361	212.04
7	Northwest Arctic	Buckland School	\$1,370,682	\$12,336,141	\$13,706,823	328.75
8	Bering Strait	Golovin	\$8,331	\$408,219	\$416,550	283.05
9	Bering Strait	Elim	\$9,351	\$458,209	\$467,560	See above
10	Bering Strait	Teller Elementary	\$9,079	\$444,865	\$453,944	See above
11	Craig	Craig Secondary School	\$3,749,643	\$8,749,166	\$12,498,809	71.55
12	Yukon Flats	Circle K-12	\$1,684	\$82,527	\$84,211	60.40
13	Lower Kuskokwim	Newtok	\$85,182	\$4,173,938	\$4,259,120	556.45
14	Yukon Flats	Arctic Village	\$56,430	\$2,765,046	\$2,821,475	See above
15	Bering Strait	White Mountain	\$9,947	\$487,416	\$497,364	See above
16	Bering Strait	Koyuk K-12	\$9,225	\$452,006	\$461,231	See above
17	Mat-Su	Talkeetna Elementary	\$2,137,980	\$4,988,620	\$7,126,600	2,100.39
50	Mat-Su	Atlasta Middle School	\$760,732	\$1,775,042	\$2,535,775	See above
58	Mat-Su	New Meadow Lakes	\$341,366	\$796,520	\$1,137,885	See above

A Comparison of Costs to the State of Alaska Per District Per Student (FY98)*

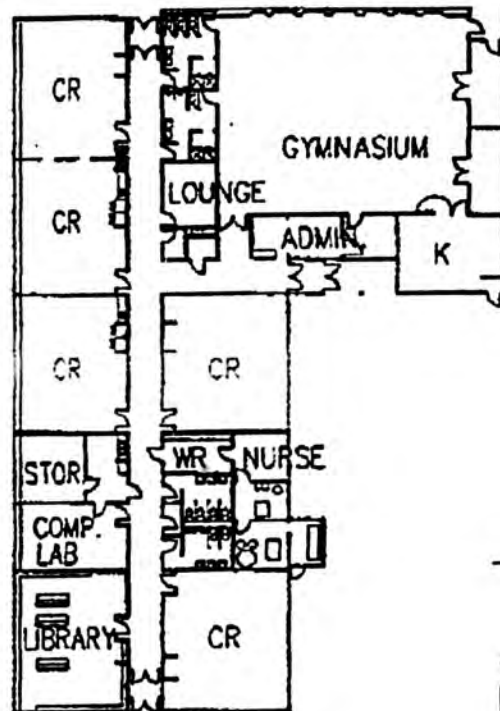
Mat-Su \$697.24
 Bering Strait \$1,302.37
 Yukon Flats \$6,352.64
 Lower Yukon \$1,687.31

- This is the State Share divided by the FY98 Student Count. These figures represent total funding requests on the DOE list.

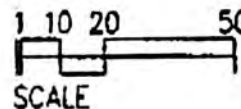
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Talkeetna Elementary School Information

- The existing facility is 13,613 s.f.
- 38 students are currently unhoused
- Overcrowding is handled through the use of portables
- The parking lot is used as a playground
- The roof, plumbing, and electrical systems are obsolete
- The building does not comply with ADA requirements
- Construction Costs will be \$7.126 million (\$4,988,620 State Share / \$2,137,980 Borough Share)



EXISTING FLOOR PLAN

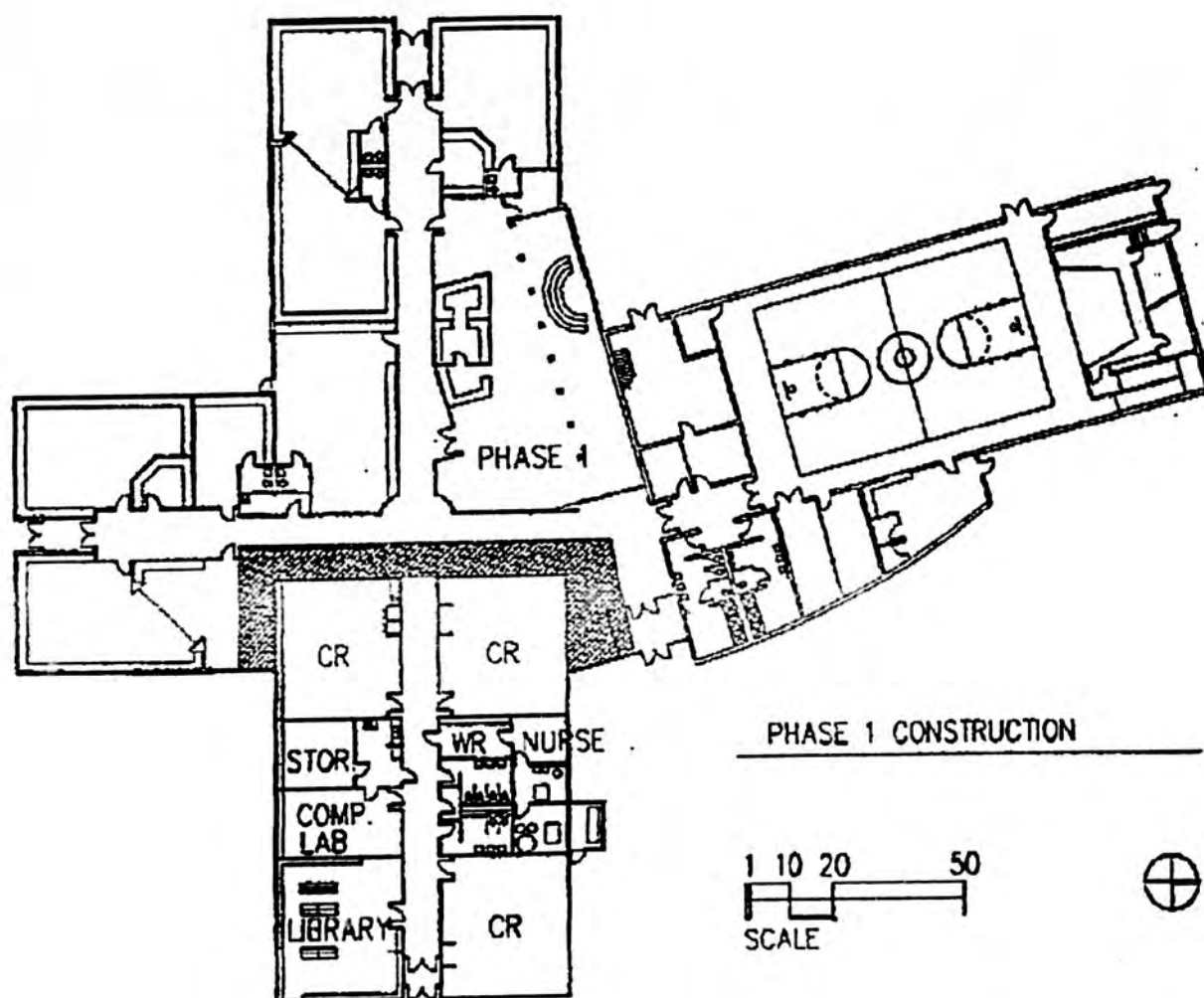


Construction and Renovation will occur in two phases. Preliminary design proposes facilities to house 253 students. 15 additional acres will be used for parking, playgrounds, and traffic separations.

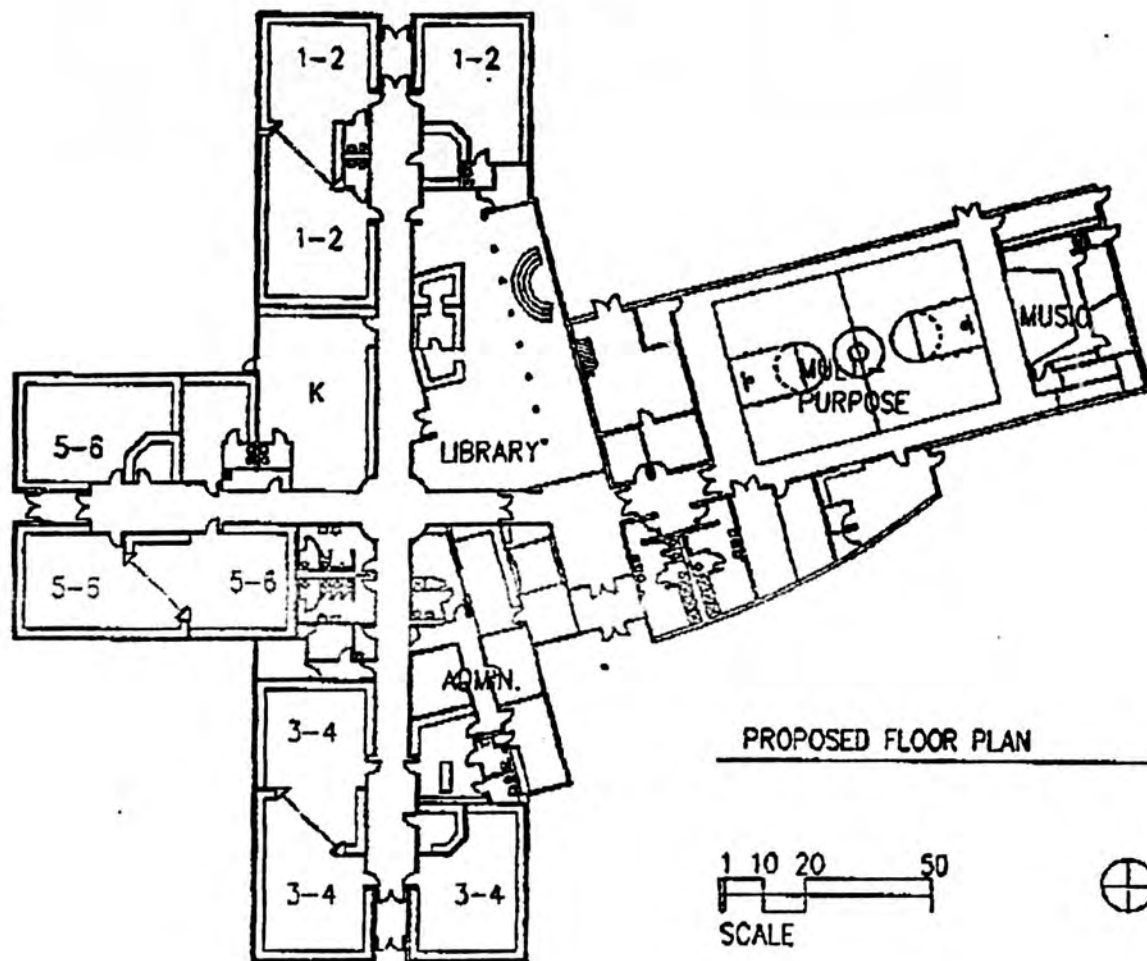
Phase I would begin in the spring of 1999.

Phase II would begin in 2000 and conclude in 2001

Talkeetna Elementary Proposed Phase I Construction



Talkeetna Elementary Proposed Floor Plan



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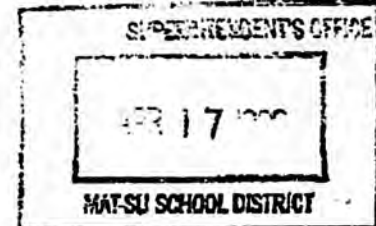
MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 17, 1998

TO: Principals

FROM: Bob Doyle, Executive Director of Business and Operations

RE: Overcrowding



I would like to begin preparing for an overcrowding report for May 20th with the Board. Subsequent to legislative action, we need to prepare for future bond elections and CIP recommendations.

I have quickly calculated schools enrollment for the next five years, beginning in FY 99. This is based upon a 3% growth rate. I compared this to the capacity of each school. Nine schools should be an immediate concern to legislators and parents. (Seven schools exceed capacity this year).

Alternative:	exceeds capacity in FY99
Wasilla Middle:	exceeds capacity in FY99
Colony Middle:	exceeds capacity in FY99
Iditarod:	exceeds capacity in FY99
Sherrod:	exceeds capacity in FY99
Talkeetna:	exceeds capacity in FY99
Cottonwood:	exceeds capacity in FY99
Tanaina:	exceeds capacity in FY99
Finger Lake:	exceeds capacity in FY99

Houston:	will exceed capacity in FY 2002
Goose Bay:	will exceed capacity in FY 2002

In my opinion portables are not an acceptable long term solution. Eliminating kindergarten is not an acceptable long term solution. Leasing space is not an acceptable long term solution. If we are unable to change daily schedules at high school or the school calendar, I truly doubt that our community will accept year round schools as a long term solution.

I will be focusing my efforts on boundary changes in the short term and double shifting in the long term, if the legislature will not step up to the plate and build needed schools for our students. Any elementary school above capacity should require boundary reviews and any over 600 should be considered for double shifting.

Please plan to attend a meeting on May 11, beginning at 1 p.m. I would like to include principals first, and then expand to faculty and parents from each overcrowded school, with an evening meeting to be scheduled later.

CC: Facility Advisory Committee
Scott Schwald, Transportation
Dr. Lehman, Superintendent
Rick Luthi, Director of Secondary Education
School Board Members

Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Dr. Robert A. Lehman, Superintendent

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"Developing Productive Citizens
in an Ever-Changing World"

January 27, 1998

Senator Lyda Green
Representative Beverly Masck
State Capitol
Room 423
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Masck:

As you know the Matanuska-Susitna Valley is growing rapidly. We have been increasing in student population the equivalent of about one elementary school per year. In addition, the burden of over crowded schools has increased our maintenance costs throughout the district. We are fortunate in the Valley that the Borough Assembly and School Board have placed a priority this past year on putting extra local dollars into our maintenance efforts.

There does come a time, however, with older buildings like Talkeetna Elementary where not only is the facility too small to serve the increased enrollment (we currently have five portables on site), but it is not cost effective to maintain. Our number one priority in the Matanuska-Susitna District is to replace Talkeetna Elementary. The Talkeetna community is in the process of updating their regional plan and expecting even further growth in the near future. In addition, we need to relieve the overcrowding at the elementary level in the Big Lake - West Wasilla area by building a school in the Meadow Lakes area. We also desperately need to relieve the over crowding at the middle school level in the Wasilla - Colony area. Our voters approved all three of these projects at the 70-30 match level.

We are proud of the support we have received from our Borough Assembly, the School Board and our local voters. Our students need housing as we currently have 64 portables in the district.

Thanks for your help and please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist you in moving our needs to the top of the capitol improvement list.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Lehman, Ph.D.
Superintendent

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Dr. Masck 1/27/98

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Co. Dept		Co.	Mat-Sus Schools		
Phone #		Phone #	746-9255		
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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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February 4, 1998

Mr. Dan Stalworthy, staff
Representative Bev Masek
Capitol Building, Room 432
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Request for Information

The Mat-Su School District has a strong maintenance program and this fiscal year the District is spending over \$2,420,715, which represents five percent of the operating budget. This may be a frugal amount to some, but I would like to remind you that we live in a conservative tax paying area of the state and not an REAA. This amount does not include the additional money provided by the assembly for renovation and renewal projects. This amount is sufficient to maintain over \$320 million worth of facilities that include over 1,900,000 million square feet.

School Board priorities have always been high quality education for children, with the first priority being classroom teachers. Maintenance staff has not kept up with new teachers or new facilities, however we continue to maintain all schools even though we have a back log of work orders. 15% of our facilities are over 20 years old. Talkeetna and Sherrod are considerably older. If the legislature steps up to the plate and does the right thing, by providing new schools for the students in the Mat-Su that are either unhoused or poorly housed, then I can assure you we will maintain the buildings. We are asking for increases for maintenance this year, and have implemented building inspections and community involvement in our facility maintenance programs. We are ready to begin constructing new schools as soon as the legislature matches the funds already approved by our voters. If I can be of further help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Bob Doyle
Executive Director, Business and Operations
Matanuska-Susitna School District

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To:	Dan Stalworthy	From:	Dr. Lehman		
On Dept:	Masek's Office	Co:			
Phone #		Phone #	907-746-9255		
Fax #	(907) 465-4822	Fax #	907-745-0194		

By: D. Moore
Adopted: 5/6/97

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 97-022

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY OPPOSING THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 11 AND OPPOSING SENATE
BILL 11 UNLESS THE BILL IS REVISED.

WHEREAS, the education construction needs of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough are among the most severe in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Finance Committee amendments to Senate Bill 11 would drop state debt reimbursement to 50 percent retroactive to 1995; and

WHEREAS, debt reimbursement at 50 percent would nullify the effects of the 1995 election in which the voters approved the three projects for construction; and

WHEREAS, the title of Senate Bill 11 was also amended to reflect only 50 percent reimbursement which precludes amendments in the House of Representatives to restore the 70 percent level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly supports amendments to Senate Bill 11 which would restore the 70 percent reimbursement for borough education construction projects that were approved by the voters in 1995.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that unless the 70 percent state debt reimbursement level is restored by the House of Representatives, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly opposes the adoption of Senate Bill 11 at the 50 percent level.

Adopted: 4/17/97

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
JOINT ASSEMBLY/SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION
JOINT RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 97-001

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AND MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD SUPPORTING THE AMENDED SENATE BILL 11 TO PROVIDE 70 PERCENT DEBT REIMBURSEMENT FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE VOTERS PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1997.

WHEREAS, on any given instructional day, approximately 1,500 students will be receiving instruction in portable, temporary classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has had to build and maintain over 60 temporary classrooms, more than any other district in the State of Alaska, in order to meet this burgeoning demand for classroom space; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 1995 the Matanuska-Susitna Borough voters approved a ballot proposition totaling \$51,950,000 for a new and remodeled and expanded Talkeetna Elementary School, a new core area elementary school, and a new middle school if the state reimbursed the borough at least 70 percent of the debt service cost; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 11 has been amended to include that educational facilities approved by the Department of Education and the voters prior to January 1, 1997 be reimbursed at 70 percent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School Board unanimously express its appreciation and support for the 70/30 percentage reimbursement for construction of educational facilities approved by the Department of Education and the voters prior to January 1, 1997.

BANDITS STEAL SMOKEY'S SIGN. SEE PAGE A2

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Growing with Alaska's Mat-Su Valley since 1947

Board to prioritize school projects

By EOWYN LeMAY IVEY

Frontiersman reporter

The Mat-Su school board is slated to prioritize nearly \$200 million in capital improvement projects next week. But even being No. 1 on the wish list is no guarantee.

The school district administration is again recommending Talkeetna Elementary as the top building project, followed by a new middle school, an elementary school in the Meadow

Lakes area, a new Houston High School so the existing building can be converted into a middle school and an additional elementary school for the core area. The board will consider the administrative recommendations at its July 16 meeting when it will be able to make changes if the members desire.

According to the administration, the recommended list directly reflects community priorities. Additional public testimony regarding this and other agenda items will be allowed at the be-

ginning of the next week's meeting during "persons to be heard." Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

The top three on the administration's list remain the same as during the past several years. Local voters approved a more than \$50 million bond two years ago for the addition and renovation to Talkeetna Elementary and the new elementary and middle school. However, state funding has not yet been earmarked for the projects.

"We're not even getting money for

the top three," said Bob Doyle, who recently took the new title of executive director of business and operations. He said the administration could have listed as many as 25 projects rather than 18, but there didn't seem to be much point.

He said even Talkeetna Elementary, with active community members fighting for years for improvements to the aging building, has received only enough money to purchase the land and develop a design.

While this school remains the top priority, several projects were added by the administration to the capital improvements projects. At number six: a \$3-million upgrade to Palmer's Sherrod Elementary School. Its neighboring school, Swanson Elementary, received a major face-lift two years ago.

Doyle said several other projects were added to the list this year due to testimony at board meetings. Contrary

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CIP: Public input used

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to the concerns of some Wasilla High School parents asking for a building renovation, Doyle said public opinion does influence the district's priorities.

A more than \$1 million gymnasium addition for the Mat-Su Alternative School has been ranked seventh following a presentation to the board by the school's principal, Peter Burchell.

And Wasilla High has also made its way onto the CIP list with a \$10.5 million upgrade listed in eighth place. This follows numerous presentations and testimony from Wasilla parents who told board and borough assembly members their school has fallen into a dilapidated state.

Upper Susitna Valley parents have also altered the list with their requests for a middle school program separate from Susitna Valley High. A nearly \$9 million middle school for the

area is ranked as the district's ninth priority.

Doyle said these priorities indicate the district is taking note of community concerns. However, several Wasilla parents have said the process is not public enough and should involve the school and community more.

In response, the district will implement a new strategy this coming school year. Each school will have a building review committee involving the principal, Parent-Teacher Association president, custodian and central maintenance workers.

"They will walk through the buildings and agree on what things custodians should be taking care of and what things maintenance should be taking care of," Doyle said. "This information will also feed into the CIP list."

Wasilla High parent Nanette Rucker says this is good news, but she would like the final CIP recommendations to the board

School district wish list

- 1) Talkeetna Elementary addition/renovation — \$7.6 million
- 2) Atlasta Middle — \$30.5 million
- 3) Meadow Lakes Elementary — \$12.3 million
- 4) Houston High School — \$32.9 million
- 5) greater core elementary — \$12.6 million
- 6) Sherrod Elementary upgrade — \$3 million
- 7) Alternative School gym — \$1.3 million
- 8) Wasilla High upgrade — \$10.5 million
- 9) Su Valley Middle — \$9 million
- 10) career center — \$17.5 million
- 11) food service/nutrition center — \$5.9 million
- 12) district central office building — \$7.8 million
- 13) operations/maintenance building — \$4 million
- 14) performing arts auditorium — \$5.4 million
- 15) Palmer area elementary school — \$13 million
- 16) special education resource center — \$13.9 million
- 17) Colony High swimming pool — \$5.8 million
- 18) Skwentna School — \$650,000

to be made by a district-wide committee with parents and school staff.

"But I appreciate that it has made this progress," Rucker said. "It makes me feel like someone is listening."

She said she has also come to

realize PTAs need to do more than organize bake sales for their schools.

"We need to be more involved in the legislative process," Rucker said. "We need to be applying some pressure if necessary."

COMMONWEALTH NORTH**State of Alaska
Deferred Maintenance Resolution****Commonwealth North:**

Acknowledges the needs identified in the Deferred Maintenance Task Force report entitled "Building Alaska for the 21st Century."

Supports budgeting long-term financing for meeting deferred maintenance needs, and spreading the cost of maintaining capital facilities over their useful lives.

Encourages mandatory separate maintenance funding as a routine part of the budget process. Capital appropriations must also make separate and mandatory provision for maintenance.

Notes that payment for this financing must still fit within the overall requirements of the Long Range Financing Plan previously endorsed by Commonwealth North. Funding must be identified as part of the overall goal of fiscal responsibility. Maintenance must be a part of the total capital funding package, not in addition to it.

Forwards this resolution to all members of the Alaska State Legislature, Governor Tony Knowles, Alaska's congressional delegation, the media, and other civic groups.

Resolved for the following reasons:

1. The funding of adequate maintenance is part of the normal stewardship of State capital assets. It is also a widely accepted sound business management practice.
2. During tight fiscal times, maintenance is an easy and expedient type of expense to postpone.
3. Accumulated postponement of funding maintenance has reached a critical point. The Deferred Maintenance Task Force has identified approximately \$1.5 billion worth of specific needs.
4. Commonwealth North urges resolution of this issue whether or not an advisory vote is held.

PO Box 35116
Juneau, AK 99803
April 27, 1998

The Honorable Gary Wilken
Chairman, Senate HESS Committee
Alaska Senate

The Honorable Robin Taylor
Senate Majority Leader
Alaska Senate

Dennis

The Honorable Eldon Mulder
Co-Chairman Deferred Maintenance Task Force
Alaska House of Representatives

The Honorable Con Bunde
Chairman, House HESS Committee
Alaska House of Representatives

Dear Senators and Representatives:

The Department of Corrections child abuse study as reported in the newspaper (*Juneau Empire*, April 22) showed so many sampling mistakes that I do not consider it valid research and hope it is not used in any decision-making by the Alaska Legislature. Assuming the newspaper report is accurate, the study had at least the following mistakes:

1. Rather than find an objective method to learn if the population selected for sampling were victims of child abuse, the population was simply asked if they were abused. That is the equivalent of asking a population if they are responsible for bad things that have happened to them. The classic mistake in sampling prison populations is to conclude that the jury system is not working because so many prisoners say they are wrongfully convicted and the mistake cannot be avoided by having the respondents be anonymous. This study is not too different from that mistake. Furthermore, at least according to the article, the sample population was selected by allowing individuals to decide if they wanted to participate. There is a widely acknowledged bias in that sample selection method.

A statistically defensible study showing a correlation between child abuse and criminal activity (as opposed to a cause and effect, which is a different mistake) would have randomly selected a population from all Alaskans and then looked for statistically valid tendencies among the part of the sample selected which happened to have been convicted of a crime.

2. The study found a correlation and the researcher concluded a cause and effect. That is a classic sampling mistake. Examples of mistakes include that undiscovered factors may be the cause of one or both effects and therefore the wrong

treatment or response may be used.

3. There was an expected outcome inherent in the way the study was conducted (Commissioner Otte even said, "It's a bit shocking and sad that we were so right."). There seems to be little chance that something unknown and unexpected would have been discovered or for that matter that no correlation would have been discovered. Therefore, this study does not qualify as research.

Population sampling must use statistically valid methodologies in order to be worthwhile. Too often (in my opinion) social research is directed at swaying public opinion, generating newspaper headlines and influencing decisions of lawmakers rather than increasing our knowledge. Very often, a statistically valid procedure cannot be designed that can prove or disprove an observation that most of us believe to be true and that may happen most often when there is no alternative to asking a particular human population to explain their own lives. Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'T. Boutin', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Tomas H. Boutin

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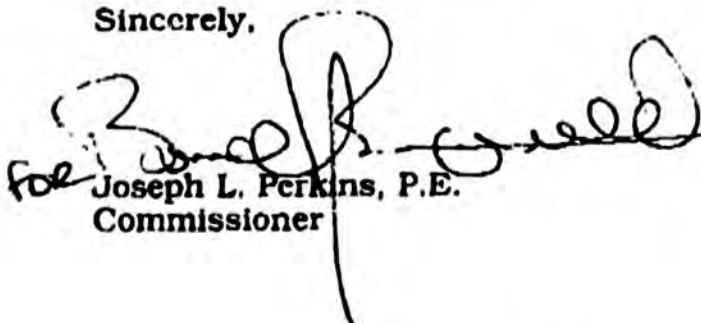
Dear Representative Mulder:

The Deferred Maintenance Task Force identified Computer Maintenance Management Systems (CMMS) as an effective and integral component of a preventative maintenance program. The Task Force publication Building Alaska for the 21st Century (January 10, 1998) recommended state agencies be required to put in place a Preventative Maintenance Program. It is estimated the initial cost of installing additional Computerized Maintenance Management Systems in department maintained facilities to be \$4,800,000. This funding level will provide a computerized maintenance system for our highest priority buildings. The Department maintains numerous other buildings such as warehouses, storage sheds, etc. that will be managed with a card file management system.

The \$4,800,000 figure is based on an estimated 480 buildings at \$10,000 per building. The actual number of buildings warranting a CMMS will not become known until a need evaluation is performed. The \$10,000 per building is an estimate based on the enclosed preliminary single building cost. The actual cost per structure will be determined by variables, which are uncertain at this time. The Department will establish a program of installing the CMMS that will take advantage of cost efficiencies available such as consolidation of travel and interagency cooperation.

Our public buildings have suffered from insufficient maintenance for too long. With your actions, we can provide a tool that will assist our maintenance managers in providing a service more cost effectively.

Sincerely,


for Joseph L. Perkins, P.E.
Commissioner

Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
Facility Services

To: Rod Wilson, Architect
Headquarters, DOT&PF

Date: 3/25/98

From: Steven Flodin P.E. (Facilities Chief) **Phone No.: 269-0808**
James Byers, (Bldg. Maintenance Superintendent)
Central Region, DOT&PF **Subject: CMMS Cost Estimates**

The estimated costs for a maintenance management system has been broken down into several categories depending on the approach we utilize in performing the work.

HARDWARE & SOFTWARE**1. SINGLE SITE**

Maximo Pro Advantage software (single site, single user)	\$3,500
Maximo Pro Advantage software (up to five sites)	\$4,600
Computers (depends on number of sites, etc)	\$3,000 to \$5,000
Single site set-up (Labor)	\$1,600

2. CENTRAL SITE

Maximo Enterprise (central server system)	\$61,250
Add for a DDC system interface	\$18,750
Hardware (Computer system)	\$19,000
System Set-up (Labor)	\$14,500

CONTRACT SERVICES FOR A FACILITY (Assume 150 tags per facility)**1. OUT OF TOWN**

150 tags @ \$3 per tag	\$ 450
Tagging Labor @ \$100/hr for 5 days	\$4,000
Input data into computer @ \$100/hr for 5 days	\$4,000
Travel & per diem 5 days @ \$100 plus \$600 travel	\$1,100
Training (If required) 2 days @ \$100/hr	\$1,600
Software Maintenance (If wanted)	\$ 700
DOT&PF Management	\$ 500
TOTAL =	\$12,350

2. IN TOWN

Same as above with exception of travel and per diem **TOTAL = \$11,250**

IN HOUSE (M&O) SERVICES FOR A FACILITY (NOTE labor is general funded)**1. OUT OF TOWN (BUSH)**

150 tags @ \$3 per tag	\$ 450
Tagging Labor @ \$33/hr for 45 hours	\$1,485
Binders, Film, etc.	\$ 200
Input data into computer @ \$50/hr for 5 days	\$2,000
Travel & per diem 6 days @ \$100 plus \$1,600 travel	\$2,200
Training (If required) 2 days @ \$100/hr	\$1,600
Software Maintenance (If wanted)	\$ 700
DOT&PF Management (M&O)	<u>\$ 720</u>
TOTAL =	\$9,355

3. SATELLITE FACILITIES (Palmer, Wasilla, Kenai/Soldotna)

150 tags @ \$3 per tag	\$ 450
Tagging Labor @ \$33/hr for 45 hours	\$1,485
Binders, Film, etc.	\$ 200
Input data into computer @ \$50/hr for 5 days	\$2,000
Travel & per diem 6 days @ \$100 plus \$700 travel	\$1,300
Training (If required) 2 days @ \$100/hr	\$1,600
Software Maintenance (If wanted)	\$ 700
DOT&PF Management (M&O)	<u>\$ 360</u>
TOTAL =	\$8,095

4. ANCHORAGE BOWL FACILITIES

150 tags @ \$3 per tag	\$ 450
Tagging Labor @ \$33/hr for 45 hours	\$1,485
Binders, Film, etc.	\$ 200
Input data into computer @ \$50/hr for 5 days	\$2,000
Training (If required) 2 days @ \$100/hr	\$1,600
Software Maintenance (If wanted)	\$ 700
DOT&PF Management (M&O)	<u>\$ 250</u>
TOTAL =	\$6,685

COMPARISON PRICING

The following is the DMVA quote to AVTEC to tag an 8,000 sq ft. building in Seward.

7.5 hrs x 3 days x 2 men	= 45 hours	
Travel to and from	= 15 hours	
TOTAL	= 60 hours x \$33/hr	= \$1,980
Per diem		= \$ 200
Paper/binders/film processing		= \$ 120
Vehicle and Mileage		= \$ 100
Administrative Overhead		<u>= \$ 300</u>
TOTAL		= \$2,700

Please note this does not include computer input, hardware, software, training, and based upon the per diem, it appears that the personnel are staying and eating at the school. They are also receiving assistance from the AVTEC personnel to access equipment and records.

The following is the price from Johnson Controls to install a Maintenance Management system in 6 Pioneer homes located in Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan, Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Palmer. The project included up to a maximum of 1,000 tags, a work station with software at each location, inputting, travel and per diem, and a year of support services. Total cost for all six locations was \$86,800 or \$14,466 per site.

cc: James Byers
Chet Halcomb
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