

South Addition Community Council
Draft Resolution 2022-07

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROMPT AND FULL FUNDING OF
INLET VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPLACEMENT UTILIZING ONE-TIME STATE OF
ALASKA SCHOOL BOND DEBT REIMBURSEMENT FUNDING

WHEREAS Inlet View Elementary School is the neighborhood school serving South Addition;

WHEREAS public education is fundamental to democracy and to a collective, vibrant, and cohesive future;

WHEREAS the built environment in which education occurs demonstrably affects the quality of education;

WHEREAS the South Addition Community Council favors the highest quality education for the children in our neighborhood;

WHEREAS an Anchorage School District-sponsored study in 2017 recommended replacing Inlet View Elementary School after finding that (i) Inlet View was the highest utilized school in the District; (ii) was in a neighborhood with a population that was forecast to grow; (iii) had the worst Educational Adequacy Index score in the District; (iv) had the second-lowest Facility Condition score in the District; and (v) was among the oldest Anchorage schools;¹

WHEREAS Inlet View replacement or substantial reconstruction has been on the Anchorage School District's Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan for a number of years, including 2022-2028;² 2021-2027;³ 2020-2026;⁴ 2019-2025;⁵ 2018-2024;⁶ 2017-2023;⁷ 2016-2022;⁸ 2015-2021;⁹ 2014-2020;¹⁰ 2013-2019;¹¹ 2012-2018;¹² 2011-2021 (ten-year plan);¹³ and 2010-2020 (ten-year plan).¹⁴

¹ [https://www.boarddocs.com/ak/asdk12/Board.nsf/files/AXW33F839101/\\$file/School_Viability_Study_4_16_18a.pdf](https://www.boarddocs.com/ak/asdk12/Board.nsf/files/AXW33F839101/$file/School_Viability_Study_4_16_18a.pdf)

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https://www.asdk12.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=8461&dataid=68237&FileName=2022_CIP_FINAL_rev.pdf

³ https://www.asdk12.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=8461&dataid=64593&FileName=2021_CIP_Final-090121.pdf

⁴ https://www.asdk12.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=8461&dataid=53846&FileName=CIP-2020_FINAL%20-A.pdf

⁵ https://www.asdk12.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=8461&dataid=36202&FileName=2019-25_CIP_FINAL_Accessible.pdf

⁶ https://www.asdk12.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=8461&dataid=36203&FileName=2018-24_CIP-final-web.pdf

⁷ https://www.asdk12.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=8461&dataid=5970&FileName=2017-23_ASD_CIP-FINAL.pdf

⁸ https://www.asdk12.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=8461&dataid=5971&FileName=2016-22_CIP-WEB.pdf

⁹ https://www.asdk12.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=8461&dataid=5972&FileName=WEB_2015-CIP.pdf

¹⁰ https://www.asdk12.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=8461&dataid=5973&FileName=2014_CIP.pdf

¹¹ https://www.asdk12.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=8461&dataid=5974&FileName=2013_CIP.pdf

¹² https://www.asdk12.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=8461&dataid=5975&FileName=2012_CIP.pdf

¹³ https://www.asdk12.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=8461&dataid=5976&FileName=2011_CIP.pdf

¹⁴ https://www.asdk12.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=8461&dataid=5977&FileName=2010_CIP.pdf (This ten-year plan contemplated design and construction of a replacement Inlet View Elementary School building in 2012-2013 at a total cost of \$10,932,000. In 2022 inflation-adjusted dollars, this is \$14,132,359.97.)

WHEREAS Inlet View was over capacity by 126% as of 9/30/2021 and is over capacity by 139% as of today;

WHEREAS families within the Inlet View School (IVES) attendance boundary have an average median household income that is lower than the Municipality as a whole;

WHEREAS the ethnicity of students at Inlet View is closely representative of the population of the Anchorage School District, and the Municipality of Anchorage;

WHEREAS the two relocatable buildings on the Inlet View site are no longer usable;

WHEREAS the disrepair of the building has caused multiple safety concerns, including: sewer pipe failures resulting in raw sewage on the playground; inadequate and uneven heating throughout the school building; leaking roof; and an entry vestibule that falls far short of ASD's safety standards;

WHEREAS voters in Anchorage voted to fund design of a new Inlet View Elementary School building in 2020;

WHEREAS a design process proceeded through most of 2020 and 2021;

WHEREAS the South Addition Community Council passed a resolution in October 2021 In Support of Inlet View Elementary Replacement;

WHEREAS although voters in the precincts around Inlet View voted in favor of the bond, the Anchorage voters did not pass a bond in 2022 that included, among other things, the budgeted amount to build the Inlet View Elementary School replacement building;

WHEREAS the Alaska Legislature included funding in its FY 2023 budget to ensure school districts could complete capital improvement projects, including Inlet View's building replacement;

WHEREAS the Urban Design Commission unanimously approved the Inlet View site plan on September 14, 2022;

WHEREAS the South Addition Community Council supports the Anchorage School District using legislatively-appropriated funds to fund the replacement of Inlet View Elementary School's building;

WHEREAS the South Addition Community Council recognizes that, for myriad reasons, the Anchorage School District anticipates an operating budget deficit and is discussing permanently closing a certain number of elementary schools in the future;

WHEREAS the South Addition Community Council supports an equitable resolution to the budget deficit, not one that penalizes Inlet View Elementary School, whose student population is more diverse than the Municipality of Anchorage, is located in precincts that are, on average, lower-income than Anchorage as a whole, and which will, in its new design, accommodate an additional 40 students who are likely to be similarly socio-economically and ethnically diverse;

WHEREAS, the passage of additional time will only increase the cost of replacing this vital neighborhood school;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Addition Community Council supports prompt and full funding of the Inlet View Elementary School building replacement utilizing one-time State of Alaska school bond debt reimbursement funds.