



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 23, 2023
TO: Chair Hale and Joint Assembly/School Facilities Committee
FROM: Katie Koester, Engineering & Public Works Director
SUBJECT: May 25th Follow up for Joint Assembly/School Facilities Committee Questions

The purpose of this memo is to answer Committee questions and follow up from the May 25 Joint Assembly/School Facilities Committee meeting.

1. The Committee, at the recommendation of staff, requested an updated Fire Marshal review of capacity of Juneau School District (JSD) facilities based on the current International Building Code.
 - Staff reached out to the Fire Marshall and Building Official and concluded that though the UBC building code is outdated, the occupancy numbers would remain the same under current building code. I have also contacted the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) to get clarification on where the DEED capacity number came from. These numbers are derived from a formula in Alaska Administrative Code 4AAC 31.020 and used as a way to provide equitable funding for space needs across the state.
2. How much space is the school district using for storage off site?
 - In addition to 2,750 sq. ft. of indoor space at Thane Warehouse, JSD has cold storage at the airport for food service.
3. Can the Committee get more detail on what constitutes the \$42M for Marie Drake Renovations and \$25M for Mendenhall River Renovations.
 - See attached JSD Memo
4. Does Marie Drake House Information Technology for JSD? YES
5. About 5 years ago this committee commissioned a Facilities Condition Assessment that has lots of information on what priorities are.
 - Staff was able to find a Comprehensive Facilities Plan file from 2015. There was debate about the plan at the Joint Facilities Committee meeting in 2017. The Committee last discussed it in May of 2017 and was on hiatus until December of 2019 where it was not on the agenda. I have not been able to find any evidence that this document was ever finalized or adopted. Nevertheless, it is full of good information that will be of interest to this committee. It goes into extraordinary detail on the use of the facilities and their strengths and challenges. Many of the capital projects recommended have been complete and needs updating.

Recommendation: Informational.