

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Fairbanks North Star Borough****Federal Tax ID: 92-0030612****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

# Fairbanks North Star Borough - Weller Elementary School Parking Lot Safety Upgrade

**State Funding Requested: \$1,500,000****House District: Fairbanks Areawide (1-5)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

This project is to upgrade Weller Elementary School's site access, traffic configuration, drop-off areas, parking, playgrounds and other site features to improve safety.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost: \$1,500,000

Funding Already Secured: (\$0)

FY2014 State Funding Request: (\$1,500,000)

Project Deficit: \$0

*Funding Details:**This is the first year funding has been requested for this project.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Weller is a K-6 school which offers traditional grade instruction as well as multi-age and looping classes. Weller opened in 1983, is located about six miles northeast of downtown Fairbanks, and is surrounded by beautiful birch and spruce trees.

The mission of Weller Elementary, a family and community oriented school, is to develop in students a strong educational foundation and a desire to learn, by promoting challenging, diverse learning opportunities, family partnerships, a safe environment, and a respect for every student's uniqueness.

For Weller School to safely and effectively fulfill its mission, upgrades to the school including: site access improvements, traffic configuration revisions, and improvements to the drop-off areas, parking, playgrounds and other features, are needed to address safety concerns. Access and parking are currently very restricted and there are concerns regarding vehicular traffic and children in close proximity. This project includes overall outside of the building site improvements, especially regarding safety, at this restricted hillside school site.

**Project Timeline:**

This project will be initiated upon receipt of funding.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Fairbanks North Star Borough School District

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No