Anchorage School District Tax Calculation

The Anchorage School District (ASD) fiscal year (FY) starts July 1 and ends June 30 of the following calendar year. Since Municipal taxes are levied by calendar year, the taxes for ASD are totaled by adding half of the tax need from the ASD FY ending June 30 to half of the tax need from the ASD FY beginning July 1 in the calendar year. The ASD tax need is determined in the ASD annual budgets.

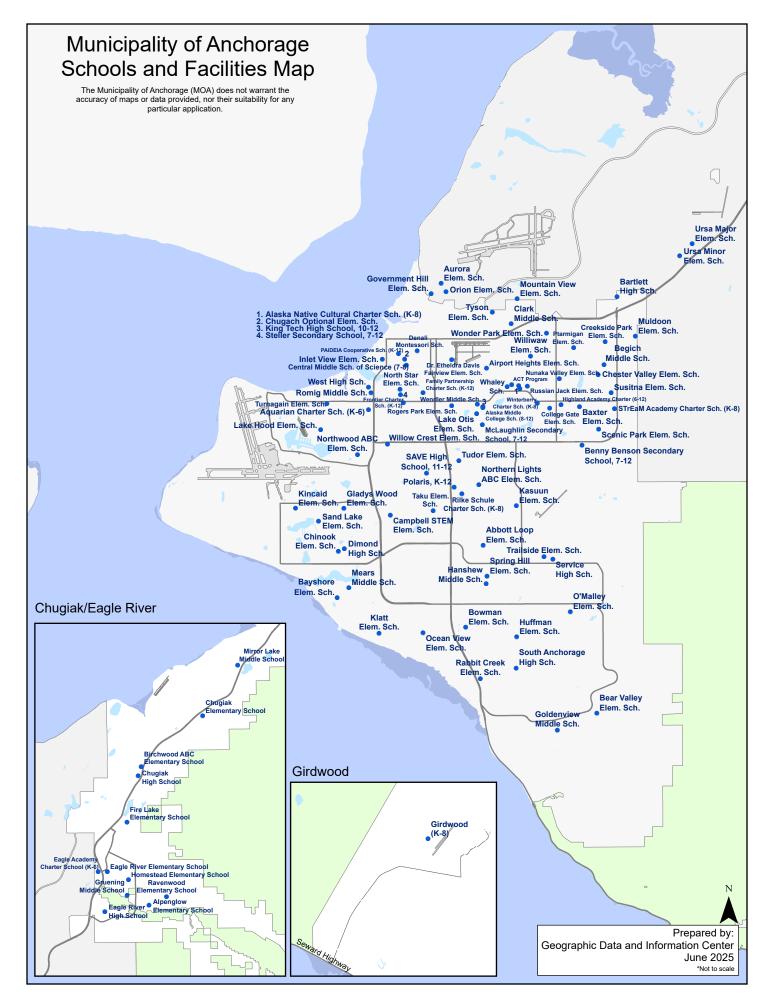
For 2025, the ASD tax need is calculated as follows:

Fiscal	Approving	Fiscal Year		2025	
Year	Document	Tax Need		Tax Need	2025
2024-2025	AO 2024-17	\$ 263,944,771	/2	\$ 131,972,386	Jan-Jun
2025-2026	AO 2025-29	\$ 267,342,224	/2	\$ 133,671,112	Jul-Dec

The ASD mill rate is calculated based on the tax need (1/2 of FY ending in June plus 1/2 of FY starting July), divided by the assessed valuation of the service area, then multiplied by 1,000.

The 2025 ASD mill rate, based on the 2025 ASD tax need and the Areawide service area assessed value at 03/17/2025, is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{$265,643,498}{42,050,512,685}$$
 x 1,000 = 6.32



Municipal Clerk's Office **Approved** Date: April 22, 2025

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the

request of the Mayor

Prepared by:

Office of Management & Budget

For Reading: April 8, 2025

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA **AO NO. 2025 – 46**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE SETTING THE RATE OF TAX LEVY, APPROVING THE AMOUNT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX, AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE TAX YEAR 2025.

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

The Assembly hereby fixes the rate of the tax levy for the Anchorage Section 1. School District for tax year 2025. The Anchorage Assembly levies this tax upon the full value of all assessed taxable real and personal property:

Areawide School District, Areawide

a tax of 6.32 mills

The property tax amount approved for 2025 is: Section 2.

Anchorage School District, Areawide

\$ 265,643,498

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and Section 3. approval by the Anchorage Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 22nd day of April 2025.

Christopher Constant

ATTEST:

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Assembly Memorandum

AM No. 283 – 2025

Meeting Date: April 8, 2025

FROM: MAYOR

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

SETTING THE RATE OF TAX LEVY, APPROVING THE AMOUNT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX, AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE TAX YEAR 2025.

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This memorandum transmits the ordinance to establish the 2025 tax rate and tax levy for the Anchorage School District (ASD).

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The ASD tax rate and tax levy are based on the amount of property taxes approved to support the ASD operating budget in calendar year 2025 as follows:

- Half of the \$263,944,771 of property taxes approved for ASD's fiscal year 2024-2025 operating budget, per AO 2024-17
- Half of the \$267,342,224 of property taxes approved for ASD's fiscal year 2025-2026 operating budget, per AO 2025-29

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To calculate mill rates, property taxes approved to support ASD's operating budget are divided by taxable assessed values:

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ASD Approved Property Taxes for Tax Year x 1,000 = Mill Rate
Areawide Service Area Taxable Assessed Value

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<u>265,643,498</u> x 1,000 = 6.32 42.050.512.685

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THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

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29 Prepared by: Office of Management & Budget (OMB)

30 Approved by: Ona R. Brause, OMB Director
 31 Concur: Eva Gardner, Municipal Attorney
 32 Concur: Philippe D. Brice, Chief Fiscal Officer

33 Concur: William D. Falsey, Chief Administrative Officer
34 Concur: Rebecca A. Windt Pearson, Municipal Manager

Respectfully Submitted: Suzanne LaFrance, Mayor

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE Summary of Economic Effects -- Anchorage School District

AO Number: 2025-46 Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE SETTING THE RATE

OF TAX LEVY, APPROVING THE AMOUNT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX, AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE

TAX YEAR 2025.

Sponsor: MAYOR

Preparing Agency: Office of Management & Budget

Others Impacted:

CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES A	(In T	(In Thousands of Dollars)								
	FY25		F\	FY26 FY27			FY	′28	FY29	
Operating Expenditures										
Salaries and Benefits	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Non-Labor		-		-		-		-		-
Transfers to Other Funds		265,643		-		-		-		-
Debt Service						-				-
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:	\$	265,643	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Add: Charges from Others	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	_	\$	_
Less: Charges to Others		-		-		-		-		_
FUNCTION COST:	\$	265,643	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
REVENUES:	\$	265,643	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
CAPITAL:	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp		0		0	())		0

PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

A total of \$265,643,498 in property tax collection revenue will be received for Anchorage School District operations and debt for the 2025 calendar year and will be contributed to the Anchorage School District.

PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

A total of \$265,643,498 in property taxes for Anchorage School District operations and debt will be paid by Anchorage taxpayers as 6.32 mills or \$632 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed valuation for the 2025 calendar year.

Prepared by: Office of Management & Budget Phone: 907-343-4496

Municipal Clerk's Office
Approved
Date: March 19, 2024

Submitted by: Chairman of the Assembly

at the request of the

School Board

Prepared by: Anchorage School District

For Reading: March 5, 2024

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AO NO. 2024-17

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING AND APPROVING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ITS FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AND DETERMINING AND APPROPRIATING THE PORTION OF THE ASSEMBLY APPROVED BUDGET AMOUNT TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM LOCAL SOURCES.

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THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

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Section 1. That the FY 2024-2025 Proposed Anchorage School District Financial Plan in the amount of \$894,240,584 has been approved by the Anchorage Assembly and that, the amount of \$263,944,771 is to be contributed from local property taxes or other local sources and is hereby appropriated for school purposes to fund the School District for its 2024-2025 fiscal year.

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Section 2. That this ordinance is effective upon passage and approval.

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PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly, this 19th day of March, 2024.

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Chair

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

AM No. 152-2024

Meeting Date: March 5, 2024

FROM:

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUBJECT:

AO 2024-17 ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

FY 2024-2025 FINANCIAL PLAN

PROPOSED FINANCIAL PLAN

The Anchorage School Board has approved the Proposed Financial Plan and Budget for FY 2024-25 in the amount of \$894,240,584. The total proposed Anchorage School District budget by individual fund is projected as follows:

Municipal Upper Limit Summary

Governmental Funds Summary (in millions \$)		ctual [1]	A	ctual [1]	A	ctuals (1)		Adopted Budget	r	Proposed Budget	FY24 Adop FY25 Pro	
	. (22	Y 2020-21	F	2021-22	P	2022-23	F	Y 2023-24	F	Y 2024-25	\$	19/n
General Fund	\$	556.930	\$	550.262	\$	517.874	5	610.994	\$	629.863	\$ 18.869	3.1%
Project Carryover [2]		11.1		11.3.7		hard.		25,000		30.000	5.000	20.0%
Transportation Fund		22.621		22.278		25.194		27.834		28.824	0.990	3.6%
Grants Fund		63.968		98.443		135.958		92.450		67.670	(24.780)	-26.8%
Debt Service Fund		79.019		66.819		70.752		63.715		54.597	(9.118)	-14.3%
Capital Projects Fund [3]		3.434		2.141		11.854		52.412		50.000	(2.412)	-4.6%
Student Nutrition Fund		16.035		22.261		22.200		24.837		25.386	0.549	2.2%
Student Activities Fund		1.407		3.713		5.718		7.900		7.900		0.0%
ASD Managed Total	Œ	743.414		765.917		789,550		905.142		894.240	(10.902)	-1.2%
SOA PERS/TRS On-behalf		54.682		57.939		33.951		55.000		50.000	(5.000)	-9.1%
Total All Funds	\$	798.096	\$	823,856	\$	823.501	\$	960,142	\$	944.240	\$ (15.902)	-1.7%

[1] GAAP basis expenditures with on-behalf pension payments removed from individual funds

[2] Accounting practice for transparency and efficiency only - not additional funding

[3] Capital Projects includes capital Legislative grants and General Fund contributions only; voter approved bond projects that are repaid through

The upper limit spending authorization of \$894,240,584 for FY 2024-25, is a decrease of \$10,901,929 from the prior year. The overall decrease in upper limit spending is primarily due to the expiration of remaining COVID Relief funding to schools provided under the American Rescue Plan Act through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund.

It is requested that the Anchorage Assembly approve local property taxes in the amount of \$263,944,771, an increase of \$460,765 from the prior year, or about .17

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Increase/

(Decrease)

(203,638)

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460,765

Percent

Change

-0.17%

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Proposed

9,060,354

Approved

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PROPERTY TAXES AND ENROLLMENT

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The chart below shows the amount of taxes the District is requesting by both fiscal year (FY), which is July 1 through June 30, and calendar year (CY). Fiscal year taxes are collected over the course of two calendar years, e.g. the second half of the FY 24 tax request (January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024) and the first half of the FY 24 tax request (July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) makes up the total calendar year 2024 request.

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FY 2024-25 Proposed Budget Property Tax Request

	Approved Budget FY 2023-2024	Proposed Budget FY 2024-2025	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent Change
Total Property Taxes (FY)	263,484,006	263,944,771	460,765	0.17%
Total Property Taxes (CY)	260,087,517	263,714,389	3,626,872	1.39%
Estimated Assessed Valuation (CY)	37,600,552,285	39,464,975,293	1,864,423,008	4.96%
Estimated Mill Rate (CY)	6.92	6.68	(0.24)	-3.47%

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While taxes requested for ongoing operations are expected to increase by 1.39 percent for calendar year 2024, the overall tax burden and mill rates are set to decline by 3.47 percent for the year.

Enrollment is expected to stagnate, with a slight increase in average daily membership of .32 percent. The total projected District enrollment is shown below:

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	Actual FY 2023-2024	Projected FY 2024-2025	Increase/	Percent
	October, 2023	October, 2023	(Decrease)	Change
Average Daily Membership	42,526	42,664	138	0.32%
Students with Intensive Needs	1,119	1,118	(1)	-0.09%

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Additional information regarding changes in revenue and expenditures specific to each fund, as well as programmatic and staffing changes specific to academic programs and support services, can be found in the budget document. The FY 2024-25 Proposed Financial Plan and Budget continues the Anchorage School Board's commitment to improving the education of all students. The Anchorage School District requests the full support of the Anchorage Assembly for this budget and in the ongoing efforts to continue a community dialogue that focuses on building on the momentum ASD has achieved. Respectfully submitted, Dr. Jharrett Bryantt Superintendent JB/AR Attachments include: February 27, 2024 Preliminary Budget Memo Comb Bound / PDF Proposed FY 2024-25 Budget under separate cover.

Anchorage School District Fiscal Year 2024-2025

PROJECTED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES SUMMARY

			Revenues and		F	2024-2025 Levenue/Source	2024-2025 Expenditure			
Fund		Local		State	Federal		Projections	Projections		
	 Taxes		Other	 						
General Fund	\$ 220,771,992	\$	81,374,000	\$ 310,677,458	\$	17,039,459	\$	629,862,909	\$	629,862,909
Project Carryover			30,000,000					30,000,000		30,000,000
Transportation Fund	9,060,354			19,763,434				28,823,788		28,823,788
Local, State and										
Federal Grants Fund			1,680,129	8,829,653		57,160,494		67,670,276		67,670,276
Debt Service Fund	34,112,425		353,492	20,131,353				54,597,270		54,597,270
Capital Projects Fund			50,000,000					50,000,000		50,000,000
Student Nutrition Fund			898,853	135,000		24,352,488		25,386,341		25,386,341
Student Activities Fund			7,900,000					7,900,000		7,900,000
ASD Managed Total	263,944,771		172,206,474	 359,536,898		98,552,441		894,240,584		894,240,584
SOA PERS/TRS On-behalf				50,000,000				50,000,000		50,000,000
TOTAL	\$ 263,944,771	\$	172,206,474	\$ 409,536,898	\$	98,552,441	\$	944,240,584	\$	944,240,584
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Percentage of Revenue Sources to Total Revenue Projections	27.95%		18.24%	43.37%		10.44%		100.00%		

Computation of Total Taxes for Calendar Year 2024

	General and Transportation Funds Debt Service Fund
Amount required to fund second half of Adopted FY 2023-2024 Budget: \$ 131,742,003 January 1, 2024/June 30, 2024	\$ 113,040,463 \$ 18,701,540
Amount required to fund first half of Adopted FY 2024-2025 Budget: \$ 131,972,386 July 1, 2024/December 31, 2024	114,916,173 17,056,213
TOTAL Taxes for Calendar Year 2024	\$ 227,956,636 \$ 35,757,753
Total Taxes for Calendar Year 2024	
$\frac{\text{Total Taxes 2024}}{\text{Assessed Valuation [1]}} \qquad \frac{\$ \qquad 263,714,389}{\$ \qquad 39,464,975,293} = 6.682 \text{ mills}$	\$ 227,956,636 \$ 39,464,975,293 \$ 39,464,975,293
[1] The assessed value for 2024 is an estimate and is subject to change	5.776 mills 0.906 mills

Appendix E

Anchorage School District Fiscal Year 2024-2025

COMPUTATION OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION

	Charter Limit
Taxes Projected – Anchorage School District FY 2023-2024	\$ 263,484,006
Less: Prior Year Taxes Required for Debt Service	37,403,080
Net Taxes Approved for General and Transportation Funds	226,080,926
Allowable Growth Factors Population – 5 year Average -0.4%	
CPI – 5 average year Anchorage Urban 2.8%	
2.4%	5,425,942
Basic Tax Limitation	231,506,868
Plus Exclusions: Judgments/Legal Settlements Taxes for Operations and Maintenance on New Voter Approved Facilities	<u>-</u>
Taxes Requested on New Construction/Property Improvements	1,692,321 [1]
Tax Limitation – General Fund	233,199,189
Taxes Requested for Debt Service	34,112,425
Tax Limitation FY 2024-2025	267,311,614
General and Transportation Funds 229,832,346	
Debt Service Fund 34,112,425	
Taxes Projected in Financial Plan – FY 2024-2025	263,944,771
Amount Over (Under) as allowed by the Property Tax Cap Limitation under the MOA Charter	\$ (3,366,843)

^[1] New construction amount taken from the Municipality of Anchorage's 2024 Proposed General Government Operating Budget.

Municipal Clerk's Office
Approved
Date: April 2, 2025

Submitted by: Chairman of the Assembly

at the request of the

School Board

Prepared by: Anchorage School District

For Reading: March 4, 202<u>5</u>[4]

(S) Submitted by: Assembly Chair Constant

Vice Chair Zaletel

(S) Prepared by: Assembly Counsel's Office

(S) For reading: April 2, 2025

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AO NO. 2025-29(S)

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING AND APPROVING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ITS FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND DETERMINING AND APPROPRIATING THE PORTION OF THE ASSEMBLY APPROVED BUDGET AMOUNT TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM LOCAL SOURCES; AND APPROVING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN EXCESS OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED HEREIN ONLY BY AN AMOUNT RESULTING FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA ENACTING AN INCREASE TO THE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION STATUTE, IF ANY.

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the FY 2025-2026 Proposed Anchorage School District Financial Plan in the amount of \$866,250,188 has been approved by the Anchorage Assembly and that, the amount of \$267,342,224 is to be contributed from local property taxes or other local sources and is hereby appropriated for school purposes to fund the School District for its 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Section 2. Pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Charter § 6.05(b), the Assembly approves spending above the total budget amount approved in Section 1 only if the State of Alaska enacts an increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA)(AS § 14.17.470) effective on or before July 1, 2025, and only by an amount not to exceed: (the dollar increase in the BSA above \$5,960)

x 71,160 (the District's Adjusted Average Daily Membership).

This approval is limited to the above condition and state funding, and does not authorize or approve any additional contribution from local property taxes or other local sources.

Section <u>3[2]</u>. That this ordinance is effective upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly, this 2nd day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:	Christopher Constant	
ATTEST:	Chair	
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Municipal Clerk

Meeting Date: March 4, 2025

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

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AM No. 163-2025

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FROM: ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUBJECT: AO 2025-29 ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

FY 2025-2026 FINANCIAL PLAN

PROPOSED FINANCIAL PLAN

The Anchorage School Board has approved the Proposed Financial Plan and Budget for FY 2025-26 in the amount of \$866,250,188. The total proposed Anchorage School District budget by individual fund is projected as follows:

Municipal Upper Limit Summary

Governmental Funds Summary (in millions \$)	A	ctual [1]	A	ctual [1]	A	ctuals [1]		Adopted Budget		roposed Budget	FY25 Adoj FY26 Pro	•
	F	2021-22	F	2022-23	F	2023-24	F	Y 2024-25	FY	2025-26	\$	%
General Fund	\$	550.262	\$	517.874	\$	622.972	\$	637.820	\$	594.619	\$ (43.201)	-6.8%
Project Carryover [2]		-		-		-		30.000		30.000	-	0.0%
Transportation Fund		22.278		25.389		30.509		30.837		32.260	1.423	4.6%
Grants Fund		98.443		135.958		89.298		67.670		91.677	24.007	35.5%
Debt Service Fund		66.819		70.752		62.135		54.597		47.314	(7.283)	-13.3%
Capital Projects Fund [3]		2.141		11.854		21.320		39.953		33.298	(6.655)	-16.7%
Student Nutrition Fund		22.261		22.200		23.789		25.463		29.181	3.718	14.6%
Student Activities Fund		3.713		5.718		5.817		7.900		7.900	-	0.0%
ASD Managed Total		765.917		789.745		855.840		894.240		866.250	(27.990)	-3.1%
SOA PERS/TRS On-behalf		57.939		33.951		36.302		50.000		50.000	-	0.0%
Total All Funds	\$	823.856	\$	823.696	\$	892.142	\$	944.240	\$	916.250	\$ (27.990)	-3.0%

 $^{[1]\,}GAAP\,basis\,expenditures\,with\,on\text{-}behalf\,pension\,payments\,removed\,from\,individual\,funds$

The upper limit spending authorization of \$866,250,188 for FY 2025-26, is a decrease of \$27,990,396 from the prior year. The overall decrease in upper limit spending is primarily due to a loss in state revenue resulting in a decrease in General Fund revenue and expenditures.

It is requested that the Anchorage Assembly approve local property taxes in the amount of \$267,342,224, an increase of \$3,397,453 from the prior year, or about 1.29 percent. The tax increase is primarily due to the increase to the required local

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^[2] Accounting practice for transparency and efficiency only - not additional funding

^[3] Capital Projects includes capital Legislative grants and General Fund contributions only; voter approved bond projects that are repaid through debt service have been excluded

contribution as a result of the increase to the 2024 Anchorage property full value determination and increased costs in Student Transportation coupled with flat state transportation funding. These increases are partially offset by decreases in Debt repayment from the utilization of Debt Service fund balance and a decrease in Additional Local Contribution request due to enrollment declines. The change in taxes by type is shown in the table below:

	FY25		FY26	\$ Change	% Change
Anchorage Property Values	\$	45,343,124,634	\$ 48,188,712,215	\$ 2,845,587,581	6.28%
Required Local Contribution		120,159,280	127,700,087	7,540,807	6.28%
Additional Local Contribution		100,612,712	97,808,423	(2,804,289)	-2.79%
Transportation		9,060,354	12,925,975	3,865,621	42.67%
Debt Service		34,112,425	28,907,739	(5,204,686)	-15.26%
Total Local Support	\$	263,944,771	\$ 267,342,224	\$ 3,397,453	1.29%

PROPERTY TAXES AND ENROLLMENT

The chart below shows the amount of taxes the District is requesting by both fiscal year (FY), which is July 1 through June 30, and calendar year (CY). Fiscal year taxes are collected over the course of two calendar years, e.g. the second half of the FY 25 tax request (January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025) and the first half of the FY 26 tax request (July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025) makes up the total calendar year 2025 request.

FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget Property Tax Request

	Approved Budget	Proposed Budget	Increase/	Percent
	FY 2024-2025	FY 2025-2026	(Decrease)	Change
Total Property Taxes (FY)	263,944,771	267,342,224	3,397,453	1.29%
Total Property Taxes (CY)	263,714,389	265,643,499	1,929,110	0.73%
Estimated Assessed Valuation (CY)	39,464,975,293	39,564,689,895	99,714,602	0.25%
Estimated Mill Rate (CY)	6.68	6.71	0.03	0.51%

While taxes requested for ongoing operations are expected to increase by .73 percent for calendar year 2025, the overall tax burden and mill rates are set to increase by .51 percent for the year.

Enrollment is expected to stagnate, with a slight decrease in average daily membership of .47 percent. The total projected District enrollment is shown below:

	Actual	Projected			
	FY 2024-2025	FY 2025-2026	Increase/	Percent	
	October 2024	October 2024	(Decrease)	Change	
Average Daily Membership	42,018	41,821	(198)	-0.47%	_
Students with Intensive Needs	1,120	1,120	-	0%	

Additional information regarding changes in revenue and expenditures specific to each fund, as well as programmatic and staffing changes specific to academic programs and support services, can be found in the budget document. The FY 2025-26 Proposed Financial Plan and Budget continues the Anchorage School Board's commitment to improving the education of all students. The Anchorage School District requests the full support of the Anchorage Assembly for this budget and in the ongoing efforts to continue a community dialogue that focuses on building on the momentum ASD has achieved. Respectfully submitted, Mannel Mynt Dr. Jharrett Bryantt Superintendent JB/AR Attachments include: February 25, 2025 Preliminary Budget Memo Comb Bound / PDF Proposed FY 2025-26 Budget under separate cover.



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 317-2025

Meeting Date: April 2, 2025

From: Assembly Chair Constant and Vice Chair Zaletel

Subject:

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING AND APPROVING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ITS FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND DETERMINING AND APPROPRIATING THE PORTION OF THE ASSEMBLY APPROVED BUDGET AMOUNT TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM LOCAL SOURCES; AND APPROVING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN EXCESS OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED HEREIN ONLY BY AN AMOUNT RESULTING FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA ENACTING AN INCREASE TO THE BASE STUDENT ALLOWANCE STATUTE, IF

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This proposed (S) version of the ordinance provides approval to accommodate a much anticipated increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA) the Alaska Legislature is now considering, contained in House bill 69 (HB 69) at Section 22. The current BSA in AS 14.17.470 is \$5,960, last increased in a meaningful amount in 2016, and in HB 69 will be increased by \$1,000. Anchorage School Board Vice President Carl Jacobs e-mailed the Mayor and Assembly Leadership on March 10 with a potential suggested amendment to AO 2025-29 requesting "to increase ASD's FY26 upper-limit spending authority by \$71,132,300.00, or roughly the amount of anticipated revenue the District would receive should the Alaska Legislature pass HB69 as drafted, to include a \$1,000 permanent increase to the Base Student Allocation." Mr. Jacobs with School Board Member Kelly Lessens authored a "Jacobs/Lessens Amendment 1", Attachment A, to modify the school district's Memorandum #096 (2025-2026), Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget, and populate lines of its budget with reversals to cuts from the prior year applying the anticipated \$71,132,300 of funding from an increase to the BSA.

The Anchorage Assembly's authority and role with respect to the budget of the Anchorage School District is limited by state statute AS 14.14.060(c) and the Home Rule Charter § 6.05. In addition to a 30-day period for Assembly action in this budget approval process, Charter subsection 6.05(b) prohibits the Assembly from making line item amendments within the ASD budget itself, stating:

The assembly may increase or decrease the budget of the school district only as to total amount. The school district may not appropriate or otherwise incur the expenditure of any funds, regardless of the source, in excess of the total amount of the budget, as approved by the assembly, without prior approval by the assembly.

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It is guite clear the Assembly cannot, as a matter of law, amend AO 2025-29 with all the line item changes in Jacobs/Lessens Amendment 1. It is good information for how the School District is likely to amend its budget subsequently, if the total spending authority is increased as requested.

However, it is not prudent to plan for a budget increase based on a state bill that is still in the legislative process and could be amended and changed before it is finally passed. HB68 was recently passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate, or more specifically version CSHB 69 (RLS), on March 12 and referred to the Education and Finance committees. It has not exited the Senate Education Committee at the time of submitting this memorandum. And, there is no way to predict with certainty if the \$1,000 increase in the current version will stay the same, increase, or decrease by the time it passes and is transmitted to the Governor, and no certainty whether the Governor will line-item veto the amount.

The Assembly can, in accordance with Charter 6.05(b), approve spending "in excess of the total amount of the budget" if it defines that approval in a manner it can be determined with certainty. The (S) version exercises the authority the Assembly has, to increase the total amount approved by the eventual increase of the BSA when it is finalized and effective and multiplied by the Adjusted Average Daily Membership of the district, in accordance with the foundation formula as described in the ASD FY 2025-2026 Proposed Budget book at p. 19 and others. The (S) version will not increase any other funding source; local taxes and contributions from other sources are not affected. The (S) version will accommodate whatever BSA change results from the state, and would not require the School District to come back to request Assembly approval for additional spending. The School Board would be able and authorized to amend the budget for spending additional BSA dollars as shown in Jacobs/Lessens Amendment No. 1, or any other legitimate manner.

We request your support for the (S) version of the ordinance.

Prepared by: Assembly Counsel's Office

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Constant, Assembly Chair

District 1 – North Anchorage

Meg Zaletel, Assembly Vice Chair District 4 – Midtown Anchorage

Jacobs/Lessens Amendment 1: AMENDMENT TO ASD Attachments:

Memorandum #096 (2025-2026), Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Preliminary Budget.

Jacobs/Lessens Amendment 1: Attachment A AMENDMENT TO ASD MEMORANDUM #096 (2024-25):

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget

Add the following language to ASD Memorandum #096, and include Attachment A as guidance from the Board to the Administration to amend the 2025-26 (FY26) Financial Plan and Budget once the Alaska Legislature successfully increases the Base Student Allocation as detailed below.

The Anchorage School Board intends for the Anchorage School District's 2025-26 (FY 26) Budget to provide the best possible learning environments for all students and to support adopted Board goals for 3rd Grade Reading Proficiency, 8th Grade Math proficiency, and high school graduation rates.¹

Earlier this winter, the Anchorage School Board and Anchorage Assembly asserted their joint support for a substantial State investment in public education which would, at minimum, adjust the Base Student Allocation to account for inflation since 2010-11 (FY11).² According to the State of Alaska's Legislative Finance division, that amount has been calculated to be \$1,808 for the 2024-25 school year (FY25).³

If the Legislature were to successfully amend AS 14.17.470 so as to increase the Base Student Allocation by an amount no less than \$1,000, this action would generate a minimum of \$71.1 million in new revenue for the Anchorage School District.⁴

What follows is a commitment to applying this revenue in alignment with adopted Board Goals, Board Policy,⁵ and in support of class size reductions and the retention of effective and valued programs. These actions would align with desires articulated by members of the Anchorage

¹ For adopted ASD 2023-28 Board Goals and Guardrails, see https://www.asdk12.org/Page/18195

² See signed "A joint resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly and the Anchorage School Board in support of the fair, inflation-adjusted State funding required to maintain a quality public school system and increase student performance," passed by the ASD Board 7-0 on Dec. 17, 2024 and by the Anchorage Assembly 11-0 on Jan. 7, 2025 and shared with the House Education committee in support of HB 69 on January 27, 2025. Accessed at https://www.akleg.gov/basis/get_documents.asp?session=34&docid=96

³ "Memorandum" from Conor Bell, Alaska State Legislature Legislative Budget and Audit Committee Legislative Finance Division, to Senator Löki Tobin, September 30, 2024, as discussed by Anchorage School Board Finance Committee on October 31, 2024. See

https://go.boarddocs.com/ak/asdk12/Board.nsf/files/D9WVNL8192AC/\$file/2024.10.02%20Legislative%20Finance%20Memo%20on%20BSA%20and%20Inflation%20(1).pdf

⁴ Based on projected 2025-26 enrollment and District Adjusted ADM, as detailed in the Anchorage School District *Preliminary 2025-26 Budget*, p 19. Accessed at

https://www.asdk12.org/cms/lib/AK02207157/Centricity/Domain/1225/FY26%20Preliminary%20Budget%20Book%20for%20POSTING.pdf

⁵ For ASD Board Policy 3000, see https://www.boardpolicyonline.com/?b=anchorage&s=318404

Attachment A to AO 2025-29(S)

Legislative Delegation and discussed as a prerequisite for supporting a permanent increase to public education funding in this amount.⁶

Therefore, should the Legislature approve a permanent statutory increase to the Base Student Allocation of \$1,000 prior to the Anchorage School District Administration's May 15, 2025 deadline for issuing required layoff notices, the Anchorage School District Administration shall amend the 2025-26 (FY26) Financial Plan and Budget by making the investments detailed in Attachment A.

Should the Legislature approve a permanent statutory increase to the Base Student Allocation of greater than \$1,000 and thus the \$71.1 million noted here, the Board will strategically align additional revenue towards further reductions in class sizes.

⁶ See Alaska Legislature House Floor Session 02/19/2024, Timestamp 02:08:23 (https://www.ktoo.org/video/gavel/house-floor-session-2025021174/?eventID=2025021174)

Jacobs/Lessens Amendment #1: Attachment A

Revenue assumption: a \$1,000 increase per pupil through the formula (BSA) will produce \$71.1m in new revenue for ASD

Description	FTE	Cost	Category
Reverse proposed K-12 PTR +4 for FY26	195.40	\$ 24,742,000	
Revert K-12 PTR to FY16 levels	142.00	18,400,000	Instruction
Charter school additional funding	0.00	4,000,000	Instruction
Invest in high dose reading / math tutoring for students assessed as below/well-below proficiency in grades 4-12	31.70	4,000,000	Instruction
Reverse cuts to Gifted program including IGNITE and testing teachers	23.90	3,049,000	Instruction
Reverse proposed cuts to holdback teachers	16.00	2,056,000	Instruction
Reverse cuts to Special Ed Elementary School (-1 technical, -7.01 parapros, -8 teachers)	16.01		Instruction
Reverse cuts to elementary immersion school teachers	12.00		Instruction
Correspondence allotment increase	0.00		Instruction
Reverse cuts to Special Ed Whaley School (-1 teachers, -3 paras, +1 behavior)	3.50	300,000	Instruction
Reverse cuts to Elementary paraprofessional educators	6.13		Instruction
Reverse proposed cuts to Elementary summer school	0.00	200,000	Instruction
Reverse cuts to preschool teachers	1.50	195,000	Instruction
Reverse proposed cuts to Elementary Battle of the Books	0.00	,	Instruction
Reverse cuts to Secondary summer school	0.00	102,000	Instruction
New Investments in Instruction	448.14	61,384,211	
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Reverse proposed cuts to librarians	12.50		Instructional Support
Reverse cuts to elementary nurses	13.00		Instructional Support
Reverse proposed cuts to Middle school sports	0.00		Instructional Support
Reverse cuts to Teaching and Learning (-10 reading interventionists)	10.00		Instructional Support
Reverse proposed cuts to High school sports (hockey, gymnastics, swim/dive, The Dome)	0.00		Instructional Support
Reverse proposed cuts to principals	5.00		Instructional Support
Reverse proposed cuts to library assistants	7.87		Instructional Support
Reverse cuts to counselors	3.50		Instructional Support
Reverse cuts Special Ed Deaf (-1.75 parapros, -3 interpreters)	4.75		Instructional Support
Invest in elementary counselors in alignment with board goals/guardrails	2.50	- ,	Instructional Support
New Investments in Instructional Support	59.12	\$ 9,748,089	
Total additions if a \$1,000 BSA increase is provided	507.26	\$ 71,132,300	

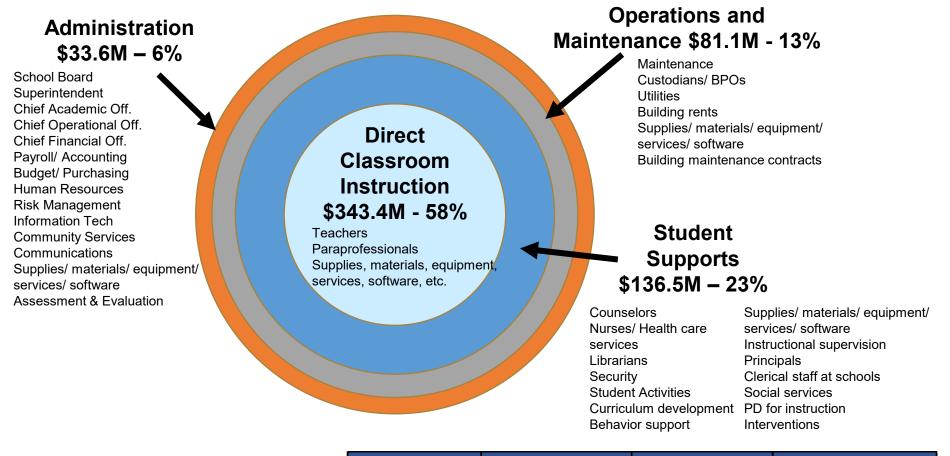
Attachment A to AO 2025-29(S)

School Type	FY 2025 General Fund PTR - Grade Level Groupings										
	K	1	2	3	4-5	6-8	9-12				
Secondary Schools							31.25				
Middle Schools						31.25					
Elementary Schools	22	23	25	26	27						

School Type	FY 2026 General Fund PTR - Grade Level Groupings										
	K	1	2	3	4-5	6-8	9-12				
Secondary Schools							35.25				
Middle Schools						35.25					
Elementary Schools	26	27	29	30	31						

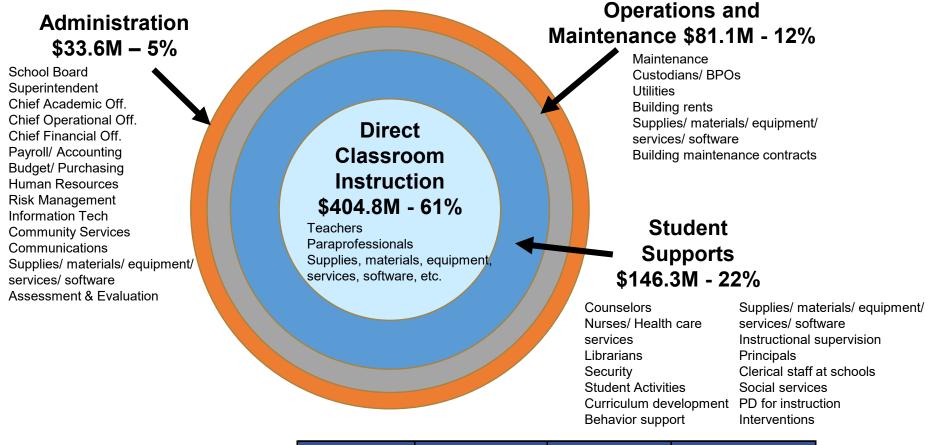
School Type	FY 2026 General Fund PTR - Grade Level Groupings (if Restored to FY1						
	K	1	2	3	4-5	6-8	9-12
Secondary Schools							29.41
Middle Schools						27.25	
Elementary Schools	20	21	24	24	26		

Budget Development - FY26 Allocations A to AO 2025-29(S)



	FY25	FY26	FY25 % of Total	FY26 % of Total
Direct Instruction	\$ 377,608,631	\$ 343,413,250	59%	58%
Student Support	141,259,637	136,528,757	22%	23%
Ops and Maintenance	82,605,045	81,053,842	13%	13%
Districtwide Administration	36,346,507	33,622,980	6%	6%
Total	\$ 637,819,82022	\$ 594,618,829	100%	100%

Budget Development – FY26 Allocations with records Attachment A to AO 2025-29(S) Amendment #1



	FY25		FY26	FY25 % of Total	FY26 % of Total
Direct Instruction	\$ 377,608,631	\$	404,797,461	59%	61%
Student Support	141,259,637		146,276,846	22%	22%
Ops and Maintenance	82,605,045		81,053,842	13%	12%
Districtwide Administration	36,346,507		33,622,980	6%	5%
Total	\$ 637,819,820	\$	665,751,129	100%	100%
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Anchorage School District Fiscal Year 2025-2026

PROJECTED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES SUMMARY

		Revenues and Fund Balance								2025-2026 Revenue/Source		2025-2026 Expenditure	
Fund			Local			State		Federal		Projections		Projections	
		Taxes		Other								,	
General Fund	\$	225,508,510	\$	60,447,497	\$	291,587,410	\$	17,075,412	\$	594,618,829	\$	594,618,829	
Project Carryover				30,000,000						30,000,000		30,000,000	
Transportation Fund		12,925,975				19,333,747				32,259,722		32,259,722	
Local, State and													
Federal Grants Fund				1,402,864		6,988,422		83,287,034		91,678,320		91,678,320	
Debt Service Fund		28,907,739		4,197,644		14,209,070				47,314,453		47,314,453	
Capital Projects Fund				33,297,768						33,297,768		33,297,768	
Student Nutrition Fund				3,890,998		-		25,289,866		29,180,864		29,180,864	
Student Activities Fund				7,900,000						7,900,000		7,900,000	
ASD Managed Total	_	267,342,224		141,136,771		332,118,649		125,652,312		866,249,956		866,249,956	
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TOTAL	\$	267,342,224	\$	141,136,771	\$	382,118,649	\$	125,652,312	\$	916,249,956	\$	916,249,956	
Percentage of Revenue Sources													
to Total Revenue Projections		29.18%		15.40%		41.71%		13.71%		100.00%			

Computation of Total Taxes for Calendar Year 2025

		General and Transportation Funds	Debt Service Fund
Amount required to fund second half of Adopted FY 2024-2025 Budget: January 1, 2025-June 30, 2025	\$ 131,972,386	\$ 114,916,173	\$ 17,056,213
Amount required to fund first half of Adopted FY 2025-2026 Budget: July 1, 2025-December 31, 2025	\$ 133,671,113	119,217,243	14,453,870
TOTAL Taxes for Calendar Year 2025		\$ 234,133,416	\$ 31,510,083
Total Taxes for Calendar Year 2025			
Total Taxes 2025 \$ 265,643,499 = 6.714 mills Assessed Valuation \$ 39,564,689,895		\$ 234,133,416 \$ 39,564,689,895 5,918 mills	\$ 31,510,083 \$ 39,564,689,895 0.796 mills

Appendix E

Anchorage School District Fiscal Year 2025-2026

COMPUTATION OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION

	Charter Limit
Taxes Projected – Anchorage School District FY 2024-2025	\$ 263,944,771
Less: Prior Year Taxes Required for Debt Service	34,112,425
Net Taxes Approved for General and Transportation Funds Allowable Growth Factors	229,832,346
Population – 5 year Average -0.4%	
CPI – 5 average year Anchorage Urban 3.0% 2.6%	5,975,641
Basic Tax Limitation	235,807,987
Plus Exclusions: Judgments/Legal Settlements Taxes for Operations and Maintenance on New Voter Approved Facilities Taxes Requested on New Construction/Property Improvements	- - 2,626,498 [1]
Tax Limitation—General Fund	238,434,485
Taxes Requested for Debt Service	28,907,739
Tax Limitation FY 2025-2026	267,342,224
General and Transportation Funds Debt Service Fund 238,434,485 28,907,739	
Taxes Projected in Financial Plan – FY 2025-2026	267,342,224
Amount Over (Under) as allowed by the Property Tax Cap Limitation under the MOA Charter	\$ -

^[1] New construction amount taken from the Municipality of Anchorage's 2025 Proposed General Government Operating Budget.