

**Alaska Department of Education & Early Development**  
**FY2026 Proposed Significant Budget Changes**  
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The purpose of this document is to provide a list of noteworthy items that are proposed in the Department's FY2026 budget. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Morrison, Deputy Commissioner, at (907) 465-2276 or karen.morrison@alaska.gov.

**K-12 Foundation Program and Pupil Transportation**

- K-12 Foundation program is fully funded based on the statutory formula; Total: \$1,117,206.6 UGF and Public School Trust Funds.
- Pupil Transportation is fully funded based on statutory formula; Total: \$67,812.3 UGF.

**School Debt Reimbursement & Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA) and Small Municipal School District School Fund**

- Both programs are fully funded based on the statutory calculation:
  - School Debt Reimbursement to municipalities for selected bonds issued for school construction; Total: \$46,509.5 UGF and DGF.
  - REAA Fund for school construction projects; Total: \$22,884.4 UGF.

**Finance and Support Services**

- Update the Alaska School Bus Driver Training Manual (the current edition is from 2000); Total; \$50.0 UGF.
- AK Vocational Technical school bus driver instructor training increase for inflation; Total \$37.0 UGF.
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) on-site monitoring program; Total \$120.0 UGF

**Innovation and Education Excellence**

- Trauma Engaged Schools Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Coaching for FY2025-FY2027; Total: \$130.0 MHTAAR (Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts).
- FY2026 increment Vocational Technical Education Program TVEP; Total: \$884.6 DGF
- Alaska Resource Education (ARE) Grant for statewide workforce development initiatives for FY2025–FY2026; Total \$500.0 UGF.
- Alaska Teacher's Recruitment, Retention, Certification, and Apprenticeship Development; Total: \$1,500.0 UGF.
- Continue Career and Technical Education (CTE) Initiative funding; Total: \$1,250.0 UGF.
- Expanding electrician and plumbing workforce initiative; Total \$300.0 UGF

**Alaska State Council on the Arts**

- Continuing the Celebrating the Arts license plate fees; Total \$40.0 DGF.

**Facilities Maintenance and Operations (facilities rent, state owned)**

- Technical adjustment: The component name was changed from the EED State Facilities Rent component to the Facilities Maintenance and Operations component.

**Libraries, Archives and Museums**

- Digital Data Preservation: Total \$75.0 UGF.

**Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE)**

- Increase authority for Institutional Authorization fee increases; Total \$39.1 DGF.