

A photograph of a classroom with several students raising their hands. In the foreground, a young girl with dark hair in pigtails, wearing a red shirt, is seen from behind. The background shows other students' hands raised against a dark chalkboard filled with faint, illegible writing. The entire image is framed by green geometric shapes on the left and right sides. Overlaid on the right side of the image is the text "Legislative Update October 2024" in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

**Legislative
Update
October
2024**

Budgets:

- ▶ Full funding for foundation formula and pupil transportation.
- ▶ \$174.7 million in funding outside the BSA, an equivalent to a \$680 increase to the BSA and \$7.3 million in additional funding for school districts, to be distributed according to the pupil transportation formula.
- **VETO:** \$8.9 million - \$180 for each student in K-3, plus an additional \$100 for K-3 students in Title I schools.
- **VETO:** \$820,000 for the Parents as Teachers Program, and \$11.8M for the federal maintenance of equity issues. He also vetoed \$11.1M in rural broadband assistance grants but that still leaves \$21M in funding. He also cut funding for Mt. Edgecumbe High School Students to travel home and \$2.8M roof replacement for the Edgecumbe dorm roof.
- Capital Budget: HVAC Controls and Davis Ramoth School in Capital Budget.
- Oil prices have decreased – picture not as bright for next year's budget. Will know more in December.

Priorities:

- ▶ Permanent BSA increase (inflation)
- ▶ Teacher Recruitment and Retention
- ▶ Broadband Improvements and Funding
- ▶ READS Act Funding
- ▶ Teacher Housing
- ▶ Capital funding for School Construction and Maintenance Projects
- ▶ Preschool
- ▶ Language and Culture
- ▶ Tech Center expansion (STAR program, dorm rooms and expansion, family housing)
- ▶ Culturally aligned curriculum
- ▶ Recent board appointment

ELECTION YEAR:



Senate even if numbers shift the majority coalition is likely to hold but might be a smaller majority (Sens. Kawaski, Bjorkman, Bishop).

House is a close call. 14 seats are complicated/contested: Reps. Vance, Rufferidge, Johnson, Coulombe, Josephson, Groh, Mears, Wright, Eastman, Sumner, Diebert, McCormick, Foster, and Baker. Will likely again be a thin majority. Nov. 5th general election—vote!

Calendar:

- Tues Nov 5th – Elections- organization will follow
- Fri Dec 13 – Gov’s Proposed FY26 Budget rollout
- Tues Dec 31, 2024 – Prefile Deadline
- Fri Jan 10 – 1st Prefile Release
- Fri Jan 17 – 2nd Prefile Release
- Mon Jan 20 – MLK Jr. Day
- Tues Jan 21 – FIRST DAY of 33rd Alaska State
Legislature
- Sun April 20 – 90th Legislative Day
- Wed May 21 – 121st Legislative Day



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