

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



July 31, 2026

To the Members of Alaska Association of School Boards

We understand there is some concern about the availability of \$115 million for K-12 schools the Legislature appropriated from anticipated Fiscal Year 2026 surplus funds. The official availability of those funds will be determined on August 31 by the Alaska Department of Revenue based on accounting of FY 2026 revenues and spending as of that date.

Based on oil price data and analysis from the Legislative Finance Division, FY26 revenue is sufficient to fully fund the \$115 million appropriation. We have high confidence that the full amount of the appropriated funds will be in the State Treasury following the Department of Revenue report. With the help of Governor Dunleavy, it is now a matter of law that districts receive the funding, and we will watch carefully to ensure the statutory language and intent are followed. It is a high priority for us that these funds be available for the 2026/2027 school year.

Our schools are a bedrock of our communities, and students are the foundation of a vibrant future for our state. A strong school system is a critical part of stemming outmigration and strengthening Alaska's economy. The Legislature is committed to seeing this funding through, and we urge you to put it to use this school year to benefit Alaska's students.

Sincerely,

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Representative Alyse Galvin

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Representative Carolyn Hall

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Representative Andy Josephson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zack Fields".

Representative Zack Fields

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maxine Dibert".

Representative Maxine Dibert

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robyn Frier".

Representative Robyn Frier

Donna C Mears *Andrew Gray*

Representative Donna Mears

Representative Andrew Gray

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Representative Ky Holland

Genevieve Mina

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