

A photograph of a classroom where several students are raising their hands. In the foreground, the back of a young girl with dark hair in pigtails, wearing a red shirt, is visible. The background shows a chalkboard with some faint writing and other students' hands raised. The image is overlaid with a dark, semi-transparent geometric shape containing text, and the right side features a green abstract graphic design.

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**End of Session
Legislative
Update
May 2024**

OPERATING BUDGET:

- ▶ The foundation formula, pupil transportation, school bond debt reimbursement, community assistance, and retirement funds are fully funded. Since the final budget is balanced no draw on savings.
- ▶ There is approximately \$3 billion in the Constitutional Budget Reserve (CBR) for the next Legislature to address any revenue shortfalls next year
- ▶ The conference committee agreed to include these highlighted items in the final operating budget:
 - Full funding of education plus \$175 million or \$680 per student increase in the Base Student Allocation (one time). No veto
 - An additional \$180 per K-3 student and additional \$100 per Title 1 K-3 student to help implement the Reads Act, capped at \$5.2 million.
 - \$5.2 million for Head Start to match federal funds.
 - \$1.5 million to support teacher recruitment and retention.
 - An increase to Pupil Transportation Funding

CAPITAL BUDGET:

Over 75 percent of the capital budget is federal funding. The budget exceeds \$4 billion with federal funding included. The budget includes the first major funding for school construction and maintenance in eleven years and a wide variety of discretionary school projects.

- \$62,761,729 mil. for the Major Maintenance Grant Fund, enough to fund through project 26 on the list!
- \$26,978,028 mil. for the REAA and Small Municipal School District School Fund

Construction:

- \$3.98 million – Newtok K-12 School relocation/replacement;
- \$5.3 million– Minto K-12 School renovation/addition;
- \$21.6 million – Nelson Island School replacement.

**Alaska Department of Education and Early Development
FY2025 Capital Improvement Projects
Major Maintenance Grant Fund**

Final List

Jan 12 Rank	Dec 13 Rank	Nov 3 Rank	School District	Project Name	Amount Requested	Eligible Amount	Prior Funding	DEED Recommended Amount	Participating Share	State Share	Aggregate Amount
1	1	1	Craig City	Craig Elementary and Middle School Rehabilitation, Supplemental	\$13,400,176	\$13,400,176	\$8,415,126	\$4,985,050	\$997,010	\$3,988,040	\$3,988,040
2	2	2	Yukon-Koyukuk	Allakaket K-12 School Copper Pipe Replacement	\$287,892	\$287,892	\$0	\$287,892	\$5,758	\$282,134	\$4,270,174
3	3	3	Northwest Arctic Borough	Davis-Ramoth K-12 School Renovation	\$9,596,772	\$9,424,172	\$0	\$9,424,172	\$1,884,834	\$7,539,338	\$11,809,512
4	4	4	Denali Borough	Tri-Valley School Partial Roof Replacement	\$2,263,988	\$2,249,219	\$0	\$2,249,219	\$449,844	\$1,799,375	\$13,608,887
5	5	5	Anchorage	Plarmigan Elementary School Roof Replacement	\$2,991,230	\$2,991,230	\$0	\$2,991,230	\$1,046,930	\$1,944,300	\$15,553,187
6	6	6	Anchorage	Birchwood Elementary School Roof Replacement	\$3,008,175	\$3,008,175	\$0	\$3,008,175	\$1,052,861	\$1,955,314	\$17,508,501
7	7	7	Kenai Peninsula Borough	Homer High School Partial Roof Replacement	\$3,280,189	\$3,280,189	\$0	\$3,280,189	\$1,148,066	\$2,132,123	\$19,640,624
8	8	8	Anchorage	Northwood Elementary School Roof Replacement	\$1,495,296	\$1,495,296	\$0	\$1,495,296	\$523,354	\$971,942	\$20,612,566
9	9	9	Kuspuk	Johnnie John Sr. K-12 School Major Maintenance, Crooked Creek	\$2,009,216	\$1,989,549	\$0	\$1,989,549	\$39,791	\$1,949,758	\$22,562,324
10	10	10	Aleutians East Borough	Sand Point K-12 School Major Maintenance, Supplemental	\$6,811,429	\$6,811,396	\$2,968,577	\$3,842,819	\$1,344,987	\$2,497,832	\$25,060,156
11	11	11	Lower Kuskokwim	Bethel Campus Fire Pump House and Fire Protection Upgrades, Supplemental	\$3,441,629	\$3,441,629	\$2,982,088	\$459,541	\$9,191	\$450,350	\$25,510,506
12	12	12	Petersburg Borough	Petersburg High/Middle School Roof Replacement	\$4,306,542	\$4,272,898	\$0	\$4,272,898	\$1,495,514	\$2,777,384	\$28,287,890
13	13	13	Anchorage	Bayshore Elementary School Boiler Replacement	\$1,143,580	\$1,143,580	\$0	\$1,143,580	\$400,253	\$743,327	\$29,031,217
14	14	14	Nome City	Nome Beltz Jr/Sr High School Generator and Electrical Replacement	\$1,318,010	\$2,142,123	\$0	\$2,142,123	\$642,637	\$1,499,486	\$30,530,703
15	15	15	Lower Kuskokwim	Akula Eiltauvik K-12 School Renovation, Kasigluk-Akula	\$6,355,832	\$5,775,602	\$0	\$5,775,602	\$115,512	\$5,660,090	\$36,190,793
16	16	16	Wrangell Borough	Wrangell Schools Renovations, 3 Sites	\$10,000,000	\$9,968,009	\$0	\$9,968,009	\$3,488,803	\$6,479,206	\$42,669,999
17	17	17	Anchorage	Government Hill Elementary School Roof Replacement	\$2,635,154	\$2,635,154	\$0	\$2,635,154	\$922,304	\$1,712,850	\$44,382,849
18	18	18	Nome City	Nome Beltz Jr/Sr High School Roof Replacement, Supplemental	\$6,026,434	\$6,026,434	\$2,233,488	\$3,792,946	\$1,137,884	\$2,655,062	\$47,037,911
19	19	19	Lower Yukon	Hooper Bay K-12 School Exterior Repairs	\$2,296,607	\$2,296,607	\$0	\$2,296,607	\$45,932	\$2,250,675	\$49,288,586
20	20	20	Yupitit	Mechanical System Improvements, 3 Schools	\$635,269	\$635,269	\$0	\$635,269	\$12,705	\$622,564	\$49,911,150
21	21	21	Northwest Arctic Borough	HVAC Controls Upgrade, 8 Sites	\$9,838,153	\$9,838,153	\$0	\$9,838,153	\$1,967,631	\$7,870,522	\$57,781,672
22	22	22	Nenana City	Nenana School Flooring and Asbestos Abatement	\$548,871	\$548,871	\$0	\$548,871	\$27,444	\$521,427	\$58,303,099
23	23	23	Kuspuk	Jack Egnaty Sr. K-12 School Roof Replacement, Sleetmute	\$1,608,442	\$1,608,442	\$0	\$1,608,442	\$32,169	\$1,576,273	\$59,879,372
24	24	24	Kake City	Exterior Upgrades - Main School Facilities	\$351,797	\$351,797	\$0	\$351,797	\$70,359	\$281,438	\$60,160,810
25	25	25	Ketchikan Borough	Ketchikan High School Security Upgrades	\$485,609	\$485,609	\$0	\$485,609	\$169,963	\$315,646	\$60,476,456
26	26	26	Anchorage	Homestead Elementary School Roof Replacement	\$3,515,805	\$3,515,805	\$0	\$3,515,805	\$1,230,532	\$2,285,273	\$62,761,729

DISCRETIONARY CAPITAL BUDGET:

- \$260,000 – Klatt Elementary School wall seismic improvements: design;
- \$50,000 each – Mears Middle, Klatt and Oceanview Elementary School supplies and equipment;
- \$310,837 – Safe Pedestrian Crossing to Service High School and Trailside Elementary School;
- \$2.8 million – Mt. Edgecumbe main girls dorm roof replacement and dorm window replacement
- \$227,425 – Healy area and school pedestrian path (TAP Award, 2023);
- \$150,000 – Dimond Alumni Special Projects Inc., install scoreboard at Bartlett High School
- \$600,000 – Abbot Road Safe Routes to Schools improvements
- \$50,000 – Airport Heights Elementary School walkway connector
- \$500,000 – Bettye Davis East Anchorage High School, stadium safety upgrades and drainage mitigation
- \$400,000 – Safe pedestrian crossings for O'Malley Elementary School
- \$200,000 – Sitka High School shop dust collector
- \$302,498 – Tsuk Taih School water tank roof and water tank replacement, Yukon Flats School District

BILLS:

▶ **Broadband bill law passed and signed into law**

▶ **HB 230** – Teachers: Out-of-State Experience; Retired

- Allows a retired Alaska teacher with a lifetime teacher certification issued under HB 230 to substitute teach for up to 165 consecutive days.
- Removes the limit on the number of years of out-of-state school experience that may be substituted for in-state experience for the purpose of determining a teacher's salary.
- A district or DEED may pay an incentive payment of \$5,000 to teachers employed by the district or the department who have a current national board certification.
- A district or DEED shall reimburse teachers employed by the district or the department who is pursuing an initial national board certification or renewal of a national board certification for the costs of course materials, registration, and testing. Costs shall be reimbursed on an ongoing basis

▶ **HB 202** – Bill requires schools to stock overdose reversal drugs. In the last day compromise language was added to stabilize correspondence education programs after a court ruling struck down parts of state law governing the spending of financial allotments distributed through the program. The new language directs Alaska's Board of Education and Early Development to write temporary regulations to stabilize the program and includes a requirement that the Department of Education and Early Development start monitoring allotment spending for the first time in a decade.

Bills:





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