

# FY25 MID-YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

## AS 14.17.505 Fund Balance in School Operating Fund

(a) A district may not accumulate in a fiscal year an unreserved portion of its year-end fund balance in its school operating fund, as defined by department regulations, that is greater than 10 percent of its expenditures for that fiscal year.

The North Slope Borough School District ended FY24 with a 9.06% unreserved fund balance. With the number of vacant positions hovering between 30 & 40 for half of this year and the large Impact Aid payment that was made at the end of FY24, the District is sitting in a healthy place financially, however, will need to spend down some of its fund balance to meet the 10% Statute by the end of 2026.

District Administration has brought several Action Items before the Board of Education which represent one-time initiatives and a small number of recurrent items that align with the Board's strategic plan and the Administration's operational plan. These initiatives have included:

- Reading Interventionist Contractors
- Recruitment & Retention stipends for certified and classified staff
- New Housing for villages - to house new staff and release stock back to the community
- Inupiaq Language Program Family Kits and ILF books
- Building/Welding Material for CTE
- Cultural Fine Arts Program Supplies

Some other initiatives coming to the Board in February and March include:

- Step Increases for Paraprofessional Staff
- Village payscale at 8% more than Utqiagvik - to align with Borough

