



Date: October 30, 2023
To: Lake and Peninsula School Board
From: Kasie Luke, Superintendent
Re: Report: November 6, 2023

Front Burner Dates & Happenings:

November 3-4, 2023 - Mix 3 Volleyball - Port Alsworth
November 6-11, 2023 - BBRCTE Session II
November 13 - 15 - District Volleyball - Newhalen
November 21, 2023 - Lake & Pen Borough Meeting In Person - Anchorage @ 8:00 AM

LPSD Attendance

In utilizing data to help our team make informed decisions, we are grateful to have Ms. Cassie Broschious, the LPSD Registrar. She is always working towards helping everyone around her succeed through supportive tutorials and keeping us in line with accurate record-keeping and attendance (among *many* other tasks she completes efficiently). One area we have room for improvement on in LPSD is attendance. With our shortened school year, students must be present. (continued...)

Between 9/27/23 and 10/27/23 - LPSD Count Period, attendance by site was as follows:

Perryville School 82.34%	Kokhanok School 84.03%
Nondalton School 77%	Chignik Lake School 66.88%
Newhalen School 72.48%	Chignik Lagoon School 95.24%
Meshik School 66.84%	Tanalian School 83.06%
Levelock School 86.13%	Igiugig School 90.33%

We are doing a bit of digging into the trend of LPSD Graduation rates and taking a look at specific intensity targets for the rest of the year ahead and planning for 2024-2025.

LPSD School Board Strategic Planning

In the upcoming Strategic Planning meetings during 2023-2024, our School Board will adopt the updated LPSD Mission and Vision and work towards short and long-term goals District-wide. I wanted to include the revised draft of our vision and mission statement here. We have received feedback from students and some staff on the topic and are open to feedback from community members as well. Please get in touch with me or a Board member with any support or suggestions you might have.

Mission Feedback (how)

“We will nourish student growth by investing in partnerships & creating culturally responsive place based education”

Vision Feedback (what)

“We grow self directed, life-long learners who are grounded in their culture & contribute to their communities.”

Partnership Highlights: UAA M.Ed Experiential Learning Program

We could not do what we do for students with our BBRCTE program, new and incoming teacher support through C3 alongside the Bristol Bay Teaching and Learning Cooperative, our consortium of Superintendents working collaboratively, and our partnership with the University of Alaska Anchorage in providing an experiential based Master's Program to encourage hiring and retention of LPSD educators without focusing on joint efforts regionally. This is to name a few programs we partner with others on!

I wanted to highlight our University of Alaska Master's in Education program, as LPSD has had the most significant participation regionally. The program began in 2020 with two participants from LPSD. These educators will be wrapping up their program this coming spring. We are grateful to Leah Talley and Stephanie Barthleman for joining this cohort and sort of (admittedly) a bit of a trial run to exactly how this program would work! We welcomed 2021 Matthew Grossman and Aleix Pursell, and most recently, this year, we have Sydney Boone, Marli Nikolaus, and Marina McGourty obtaining their Master's degree through this program.

Details of our program:

- a. 15 credits through traditional university graduate courses
- b. 15 credits through non-traditional after completing three years of experiential learning
- c. 3 years to complete program while working in or serving LPSD communities through teaching

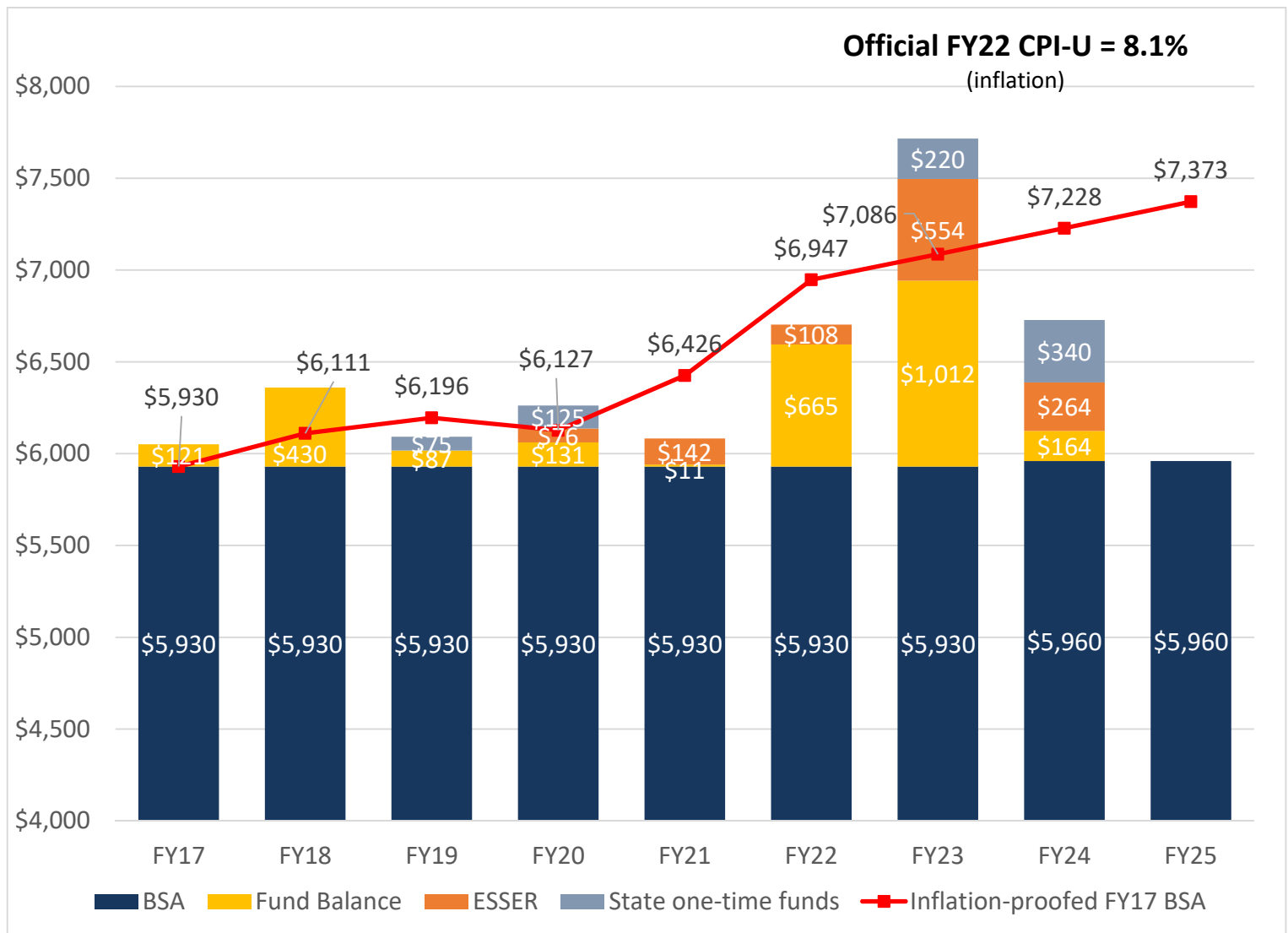
LPSD Budget

A day doesn't go by that we are keeping the financial state of LPSD on our radar. We are doing our best not to let it cloud our ability to provide robust athletic programs and academic opportunities, all while keeping breakfast and lunch within our schools and supporting our staff. The cuts we have to make result from an incredible increase in expenses, mainly due to inflation and no increase in funding for public education. Attached, you will see a fiscal cliff chart that has been shared with staff and the school board, as well as our Borough assembly.

LPSD School Funding Since 2017

The State of Alaska (SOA) has maintained a base Student Allocation (BSA) of \$5,930 from FY17 to FY23 with a \$30 (0.5%) increase for FY24. The State of Alaska Provided one-time funds in FY19, FY20, FY23 and FY24, in lieu of a permanent increase to the BSA. LPSD applied fund balance, the state's one-time maximize the educational opportunities during the past six years.

The District is grateful for Lake and Peninsula Boroughs provided support and endowment funds accessed in FY23 to maintain operations. The chart below depicts the BSA's inflationary increase, based on Anchorage's CPI-U, from 2017 through 2022. Rates from January 2023 through 2024 are estimated based on a 2% steady inflation rate for those two years. The dark blue bars represent the BSA.



- LPSD revenue is depicted in BSA-equivalent dollars
- FY23 & FY24 inflation is based on historical average of 2%