



## AASB Special Board Meeting

January 4, 2024, 12:00 pm  
via Zoom

Zoom

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### Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Discussion of the problem with **Resolution 2.2 URGING EARLY, ADEQUATE, EQUITABLE, AND PREDICTABLE FUNDING OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**
  - a. The approved figure of the **\$1,655** increase needed in the BSA is not appropriate. This figure was derived from the **US BLS CPI calculator for all US urban areas** and does not appropriately reflect the Alaska Urban CPI. The State of Alaska uses the Alaska–Urban CPI as the most appropriate index for Alaska to measure inflation. This is also the previous data used in 2022 by Anchorage School District to calculate the \$860 deficit figure the delegate assembly passed. See the attached sheets depicting the more appropriate calculation of the required BSA increase relative to FY2017.
  - b. The calculations made by Ancy Fatliff and Jim Anderson of the Anchorage School District use the Alaska Urban CPI data and project 2.00% inflation for 2023, 2024, and 2025. I have verified these calculations independently and come to the same conclusion: **the BSA should be increased by \$1,413 in FY2025** to account for the cumulative effect of inflation since 2017.
  - c. In my recollection, modifying a resolution adopted by the Delegate Assembly has not been done, and I do not propose this without great trepidation and respect for our process. However, AASB's credibility is at stake, and this particular issue is critically important. It is unfortunate that this error was not addressed at the Resolutions Committee meeting prior to the Delegate Assembly. Nonetheless, we cannot, ethically and in good conscience, use inappropriate data. This is a highly visible and controversial issue, and as the executive director, I need to be able to truthfully justify the source and validity of the number to the best of my ability.
6. **Action:** The Executive Director recommends President Bellamy call for a special meeting of the BOD to approve replacing the inappropriate \$1,655 figure with the correct amount of \$1,413 based upon the most current US BLS Alaska–Urban CPI data.

**Recommended Motion:**

I move to amend Resolution 2.2 and correct the BSA increase of \$1,655 with the more accurate amount of \$1,413 based on the most current US BLS Alaska-Urban CPI data obtained in December 2023.

7. Adjourn

## 2.2 URGING EARLY, ADEQUATE, EQUITABLE, AND PREDICTABLE FUNDING OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

AASB urges the State of Alaska to provide early, adequate, equitable, and predictable funding of public education. AASB believes that adequate funding should include the following:

- State funding of the TRS-PERS retirement liability;
- An increase to the Base Student Allocation to inflation-proof pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade education funding by no less than the amount of \$ 1655
- Increase funding to account for flat funding in past years.
- Recognition of the need to keep pupil-teacher ratios to a level in line with research-based best practices;
- Funded career and technical education.
- An early adoption timeline that allows school boards and district administration to effectively plan instruction and staffing for the upcoming school year. (Refer to Resolution 2.23 Funding for Schools by Establishing the Base Student Allocation in Advance)
- Programs and Initiatives focusing on Alaska Native languages and cultures.

AASB urges that in the years when the Alaska Legislature has not approved an education budget by April 1, the budget from the previous year shall be the legal minimum funding for the next fiscal year.

AASB urges the Legislature to review and recommend appropriate adjustments to AS.14.17.460, District Cost Factors, to ensure equity in school funding.

AASB urges the Legislature to provide stable forward funding that addresses inflation, including the use of an education endowment, to ensure funding predictability.

*Adopted 2014*

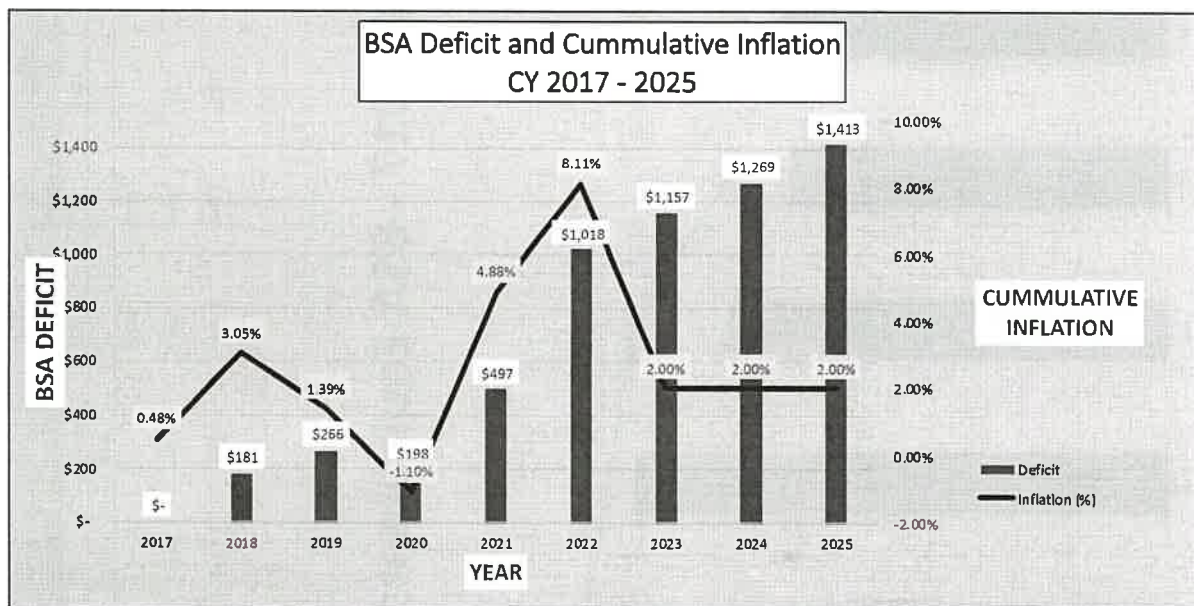
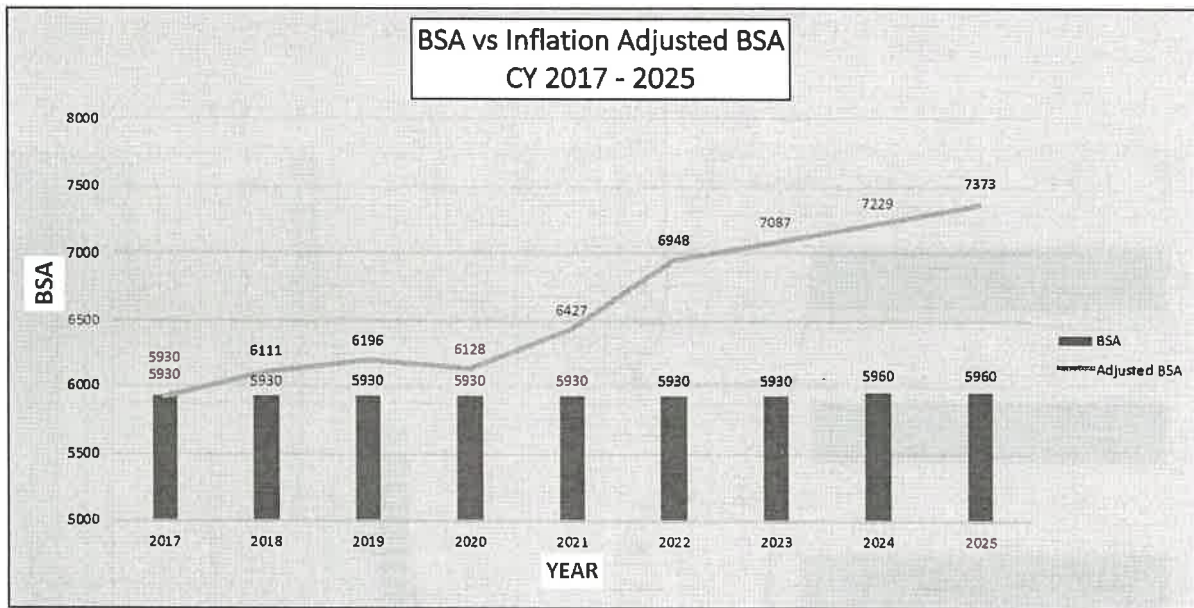
*Amended 2017, 2022, 2023*

*Renewed 2019*

## Supporting Information

AASB Calculations Using Alaska-Urban CPI Statistics from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics

	Since CY2017				
				Inflation	Yearly
CY	BSA	Inflation (%)	Cummulative Inflation	Adjusted BSA	Deficit
2017	\$ 5,930	0.48%	0.48%	\$ 5,930	\$ -
2018	\$ 5,930	3.05%	3.53%	\$ 6,111	\$ 181
2019	\$ 5,930	1.39%	4.92%	\$ 6,196	\$ 266
2020	\$ 5,930	-1.10%	3.82%	\$ 6,128	\$ 198
2021	\$ 5,930	4.88%	8.70%	\$ 6,427	\$ 497
2022	\$ 5,930	8.11%	16.81%	\$ 6,948	\$ 1,018
2023	\$ 5,930	2.00%	18.81%	\$ 7,087	\$ 1,157
2024	\$ 5,960	2.00%	20.81%	\$ 7,229	\$ 1,269
2025	\$ 5,960	2.00%	22.81%	\$ 7,373	\$ 1,413
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	\$ 30			\$ 1,413	
	0.51%			23.8%	



# ASD Calculations (Andy Ratliff and Jim Anderson, November 2023)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
BSA	\$5,930	\$5,930	\$5,930	\$5,930	\$5,930	\$5,930	\$5,930	\$5,960	\$5,960
Inflation-proofed FY17 BSA	\$5,930	\$6,111	\$6,196	\$6,127	\$6,426	\$6,947	\$7,086	\$7,228	\$7,373
Fund Balance	\$27	\$24	\$11	\$85	\$115	\$0	\$0	\$443	\$0
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State one-time funds			\$75	\$125	\$43	\$500	\$781	\$273	\$0
	\$0	\$181	\$266	\$197	\$496	\$1,017	\$1,156	\$1,268	\$1,413
Annual Inflation Rate	0.48%	3.05%	1.39%	-1.10%	4.88%	8.11%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%

[https://www.bls.gov/regions/west/ak\\_anchorage\\_msa.htm](https://www.bls.gov/regions/west/ak_anchorage_msa.htm)  
CPI-U Annual CPI Change

## Funding Since 2017 - BSA Equivalents

