

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

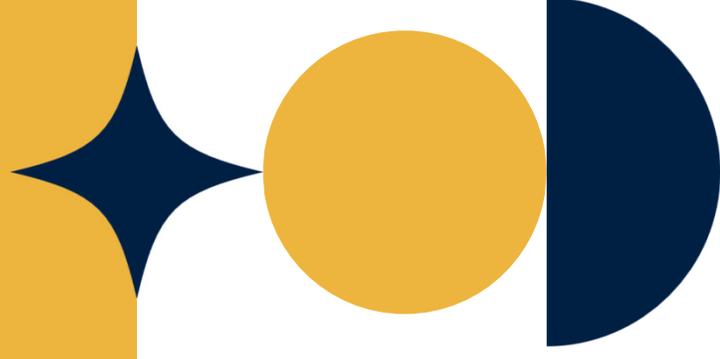
March 17, 2026

Clayton Holland,
Superintendent



KPBSD Core Values

- Community
- Perseverance
- Academic Excellence
- Integrity



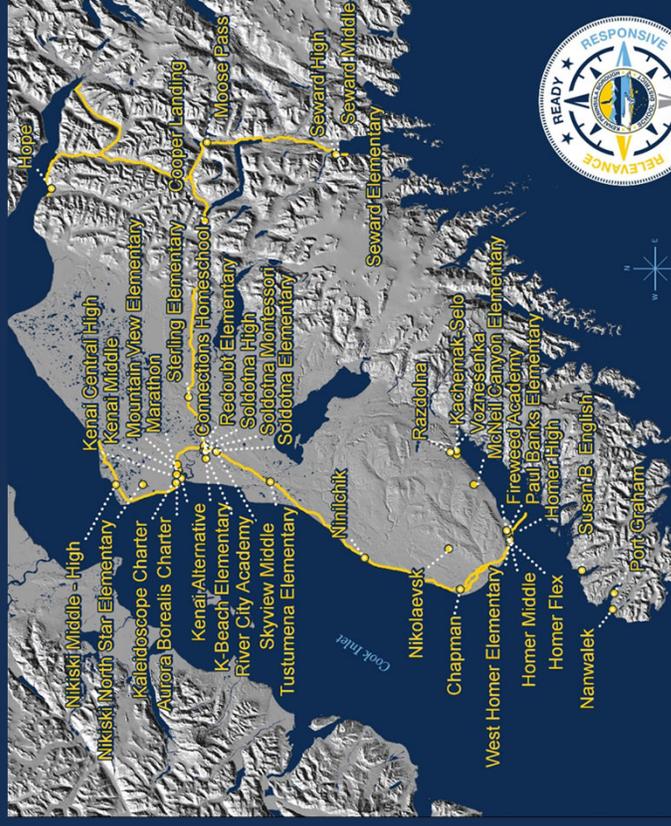
KPBSD Strategic Plan

2025-26 District Priorities

- 1 Student Success**
 - Literacy & math growth
 - CTE course attainment
 - College credits earned
- 2 Family & Community Engagement**
 - Strong communication
 - Family involvement
 - Business partnerships
- 3 School Climate & Safety**
 - Sense of belonging
 - Safe, secure schools
- 4 Workforce Development**
 - Onboarding improvements
 - Staff retention focus
- 5 Organizational & Resource Management**
 - Align funding to goals
 - Train-the-trainer PD
 - Grant committee
 - Capital improvement process



- 42 Schools
- 3 Different School Calendars
- The size of West Virginia
- 8383 students
- Approximately 1200 full and part time employees





**KPBSD State Champion
Athletics programs:
Homer Mariners Cross
Country teams**



**KPBSD State Champion
Athletics programs:
Soldotna High School and
Homer High School Football**



KPBSD State Championship Athletic Program: Kenai Central High School Volleyball



KPBSD State Champion Athletics programs: Soldotna High School Girl's Wrestling







2024-25 State Test Scores: Reading

2024-2025 Growth represented as percentiles.

50th %ile is considered typical growth. Purple boxes show where KPBSD grew more than Alaska and/or the nation. Blue outline shows KPBSD outgrowing both.

READING MEDIAN CGP	KPBSD	Alaska	National
3	53	46	50
4	52	45	53
5	58	50	52
6	62	50	53
7	51	49	54
8	59	53	55
9	51	45	

KPBSD outperformed the State of Alaska on state testing.

Our growth data shows we are growing at a higher rate than the state average.



2024-25 State Test Scores: Math

2024-2025 Growth represented as percentiles.

50th %ile is considered typical growth. Purple boxes show where KPBSD grew more Alaska and/or the nation. Blue outline shows KPBSD outgrowing both.

MATH MEDIAN CGP	KPBSD	Alaska	National
3	62	65	51
4	53	64	53
5	67	64	52
6	56	55	50
7	57	61	51
8	53	61	51
9	50	50	

This trend is seen in both reading AND math growth



Fall 2025 mCLASS Comparison Statistics

KPBSD's completion rate was 86%. When Connections is removed, the rate is 95%.

BOY – mCLASS®:DIBELS 8 National/Alaska user base comparison

*Green highlighted boxes show where Kenai is outperforming or equal to **BOTH** National & State per grade.

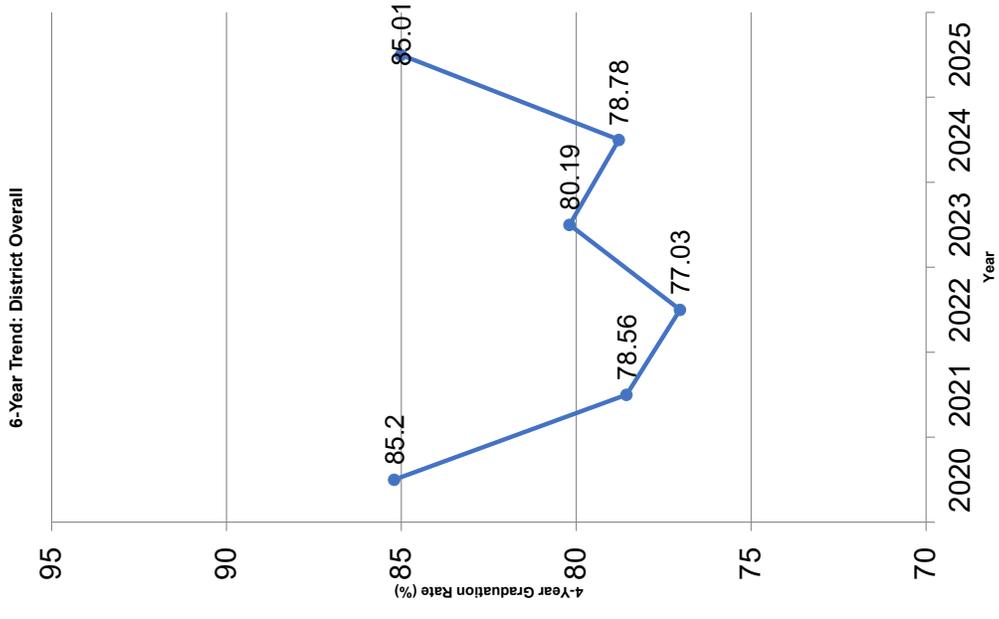
*Yellow highlighted boxes show where Kenai is outperforming or equal to **EITHER** National or State performance.

Grade	Percent of Students in Each Performance Level at BOY 2025-26											
	Students at Well Below Benchmark Level			Students at Below Benchmark Level			Students at Benchmark Level			Students at Above Benchmark Level		
	District	AK	National	District	AK	National	District	AK	National	District	AK	National
Grade K	59%	60%	44%	16%	17%	19%	12%	11%	16%	13%	12%	21%
Grade 1	26%	35%	30%	22%	19%	18%	31%	26%	28%	21%	20%	24%
Grade 2	31%	34%	30%	14%	14%	14%	29%	28%	29%	26%	24%	27%
Grade 3	26%	29%	26%	19%	16%	17%	28%	27%	30%	27%	28%	27%
Grade 4*	21%		22%	18%		21%	38%		41%	23%		16%
Grade 5*	31%		30%	19%		19%	27%		31%	23%		20%

For 2025-26, the national mCLASS® per grade user base ranges from 650,000 students assessed (grade 3) to 800,000 students assessed (each of grades K-2). * For grades 4-5, the number of students assessed is smaller (~400,000 per grade), and more importantly, is often a collection of a subset of students within a school (as a secondary screener) rather than all students (as a universal primary screener) as is most common with grades K-3. Thus national data should be viewed with caution in these grades.
For 2024-25, the Alaska mCLASS® per grade user base is approximately 7,000 students assessed per grade.

Six-Year Trend: Dip and Recovery Districtwide 4-Year Graduation Rates

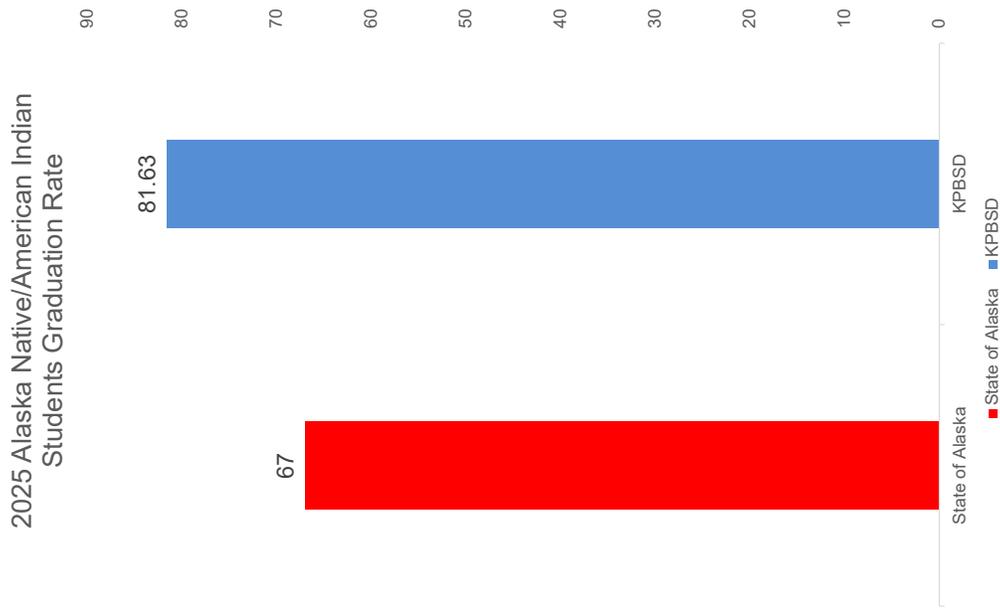
- 2020: 85.2%
- 2021: 78.56%
- 2022: 77.03%
- 2023: 80.19%
- 2024: 78.78%
- 2025: 85.01%



Alaska Native/American Indian Students

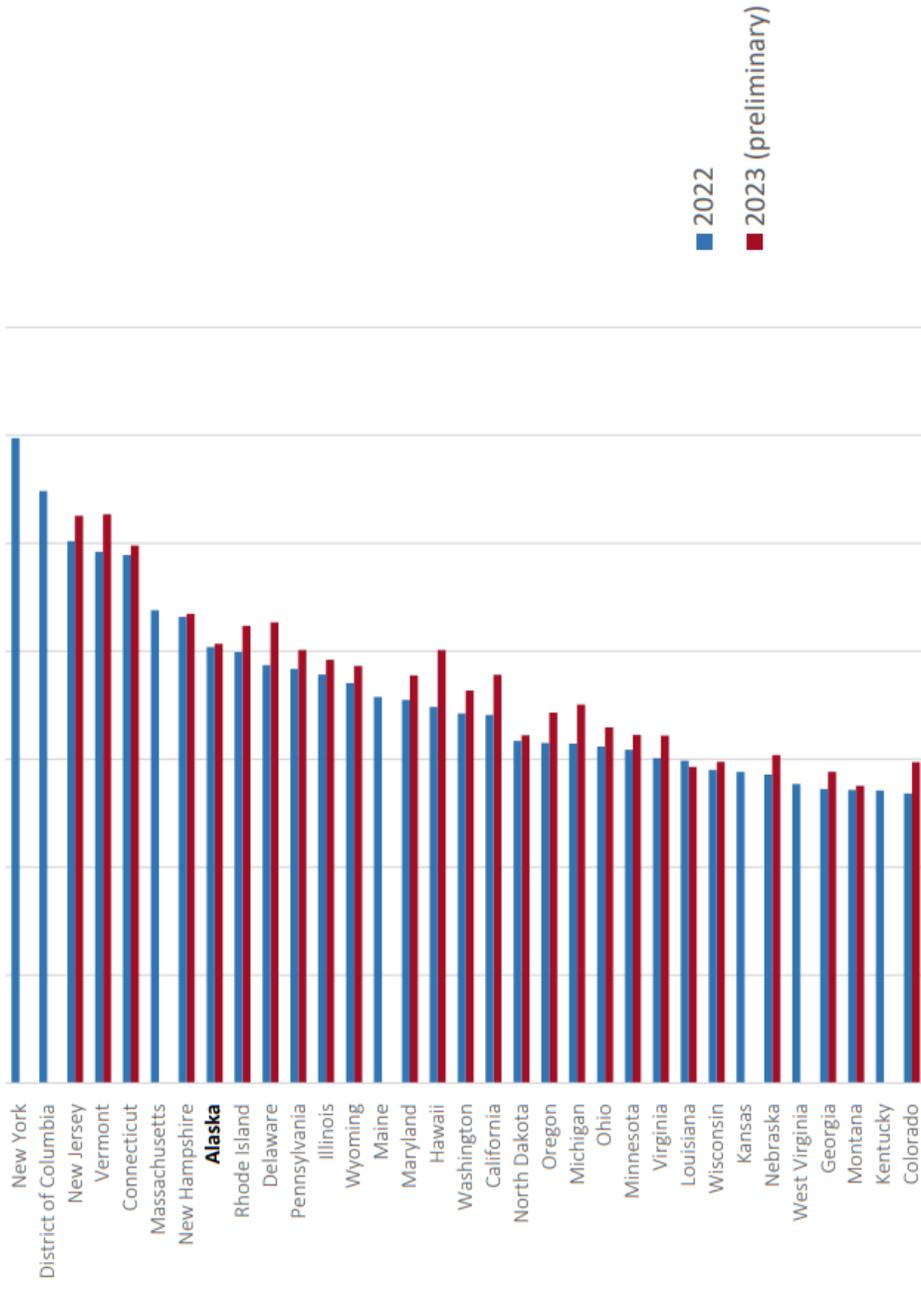
• **Strong Improvement
Over Time**

- 2021: 61.22%
- 2025: 81.63%



Average current spending per student, 2022 & 2023

Source: US Census Bureau, Annual Survey of School System Finances



Source: Berman & Defeo, How has Alaska's K-12 education spending changed? Trends from 2017-2023

Table 1
Alaska’s per-pupil spending between 2017 and 2023, adjusted to state and national indices

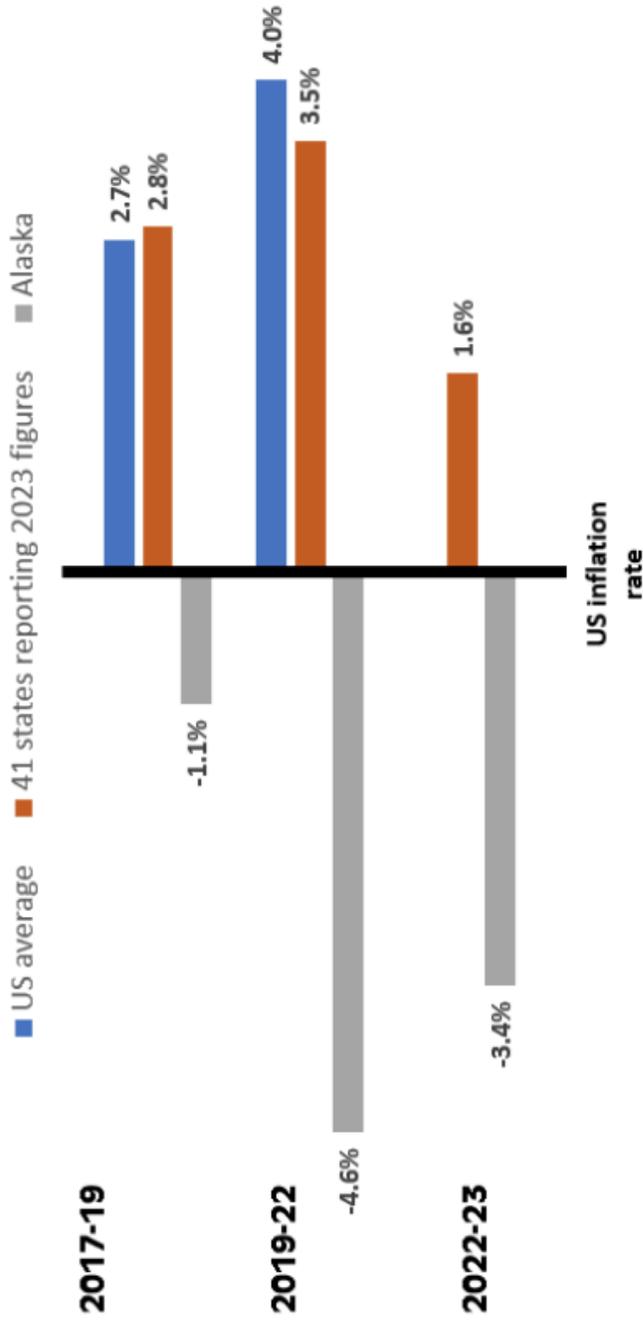
	2017	2019	2022	2023
US average	\$12,201	\$13,187	\$15,633	
Alaska	\$17,838	\$18,394	\$20,191	\$20,340
Alaska, adjusted to Anchorage	\$14,853	\$15,290	\$16,784	\$16,893
Alaska, adjusted to US average	\$11,997	\$12,281	\$13,247	\$13,657

Within Alaska, costs differ significantly between communities, so our analysis first adjusted Alaska’s education spending using the School Foundation Formula’s geographic cost differential to calculate an Anchorage-adjusted average per-pupil spending. Then we applied the Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER) cost of living index (COLI) to adjust for higher Anchorage living costs.

Source: Berman & Defeo, How has Alaska’s K-12 education spending changed?
Trends from 2017-2023

Changes in per pupil spending relative to inflation in the same time period

Source: US Census Bureau Annual Survey of School System Finances



This chart reflects changes in spending relative to inflation. Positive percentages indicate spending increased by more than inflation, and negative percentages indicate spending did not keep up with the rate of inflation. While other states, on average, invested in education at a rate higher than inflation, Alaska's per-pupil spending increases have been less than inflation in the same time period.

Source: Berman & Defeo, How has Alaska's K-12 education spending changed? Trends from 2017-2023

Alaska K-12 Funding Base Student Allocation Fiscal Year 2011 - 2026

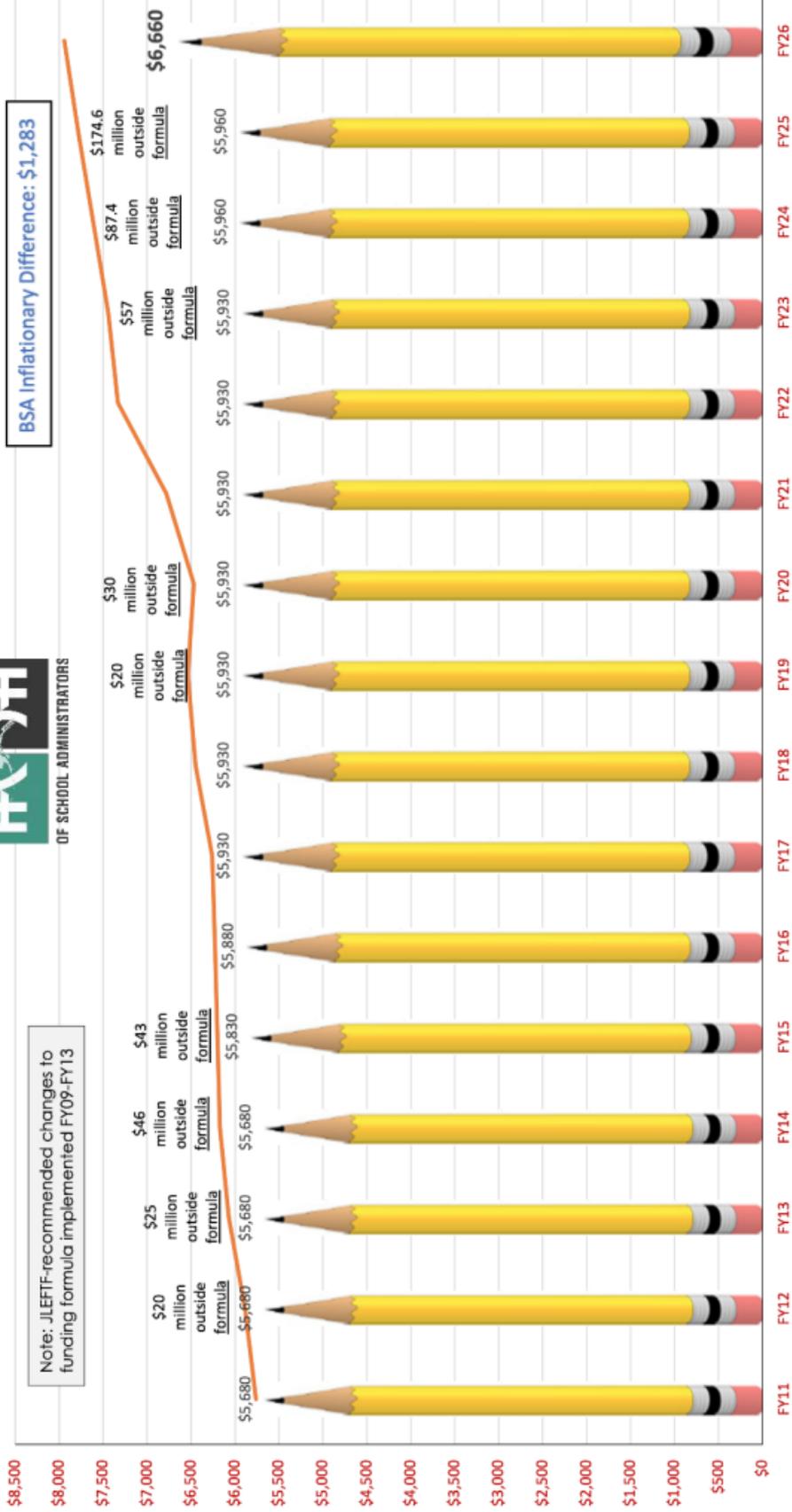


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Data source: Urban Alaska Annual CPI-U
Line shows what the BSA would have been if
inflation adjusted since 2011 - FY26 = **\$7,943**

Note: JLETF-recommended changes to
funding formula implemented FY09-FY13

BSA Inflationary Difference: **\$1,283**



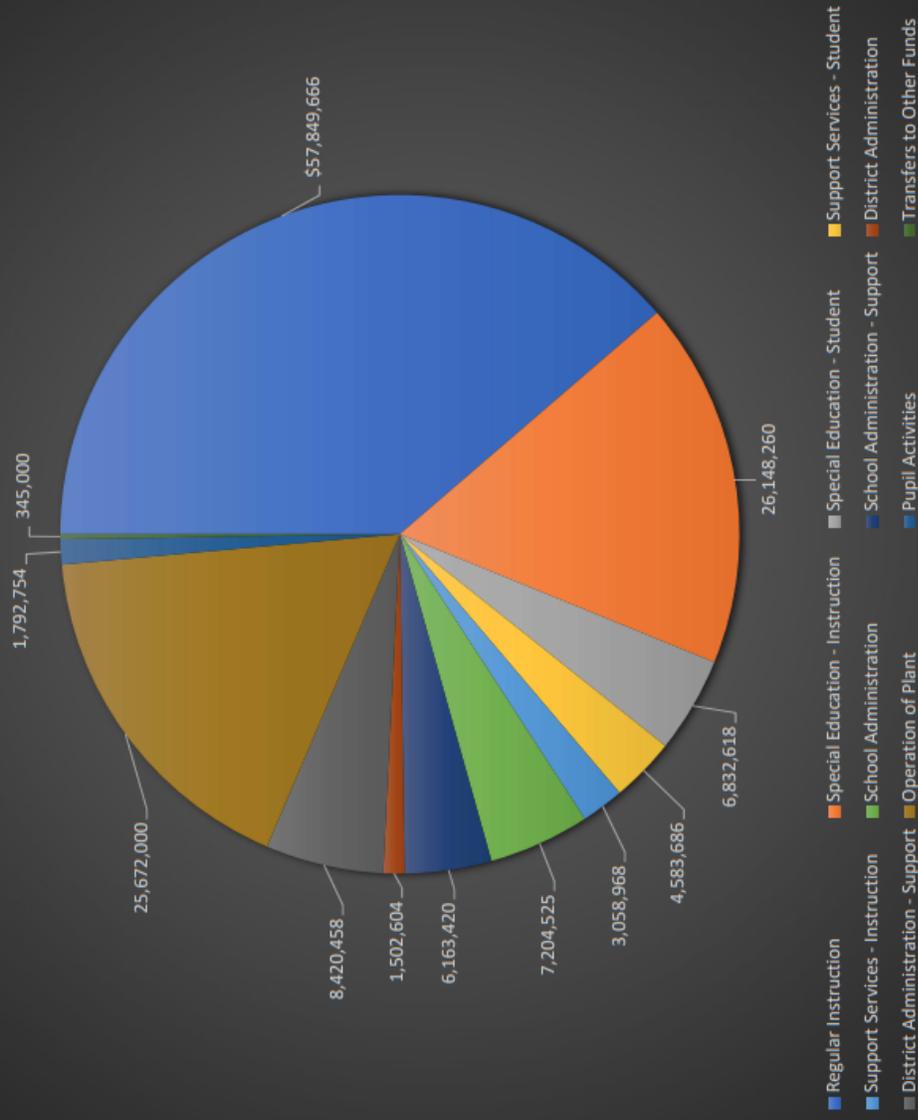
FY27 Preliminary
 General Fund Budget – Revenue
 State of Alaska and KPB

	FY26 Budget	FY27 Preliminary	Difference between FY26 and FY27
State Of Alaska	\$76,619,898	\$72,094,570	-\$4,525,328
Kenai Peninsula Borough	62,359,080	59,074,865	-3,284,215
State of Alaska and KPB Revenues	\$138,978,978	\$131,169,435	-\$7,809,543

FY27 Preliminary Revenue Budget Notes

- For FY27, the Kenai Peninsula Borough's required local contribution increased by \$3.6M due to the growth in the full and true value of taxable real and personal property. This increase results in a corresponding reduction in State of Alaska Foundation funding, shifting more of the costs of education from the State to the Borough.
- For FY27, District Administration has budgeted Borough support to KPBSD at \$59,074,865, based on projected Borough funding. This represents a 5.27% decrease from the actual FY26 KPB appropriation. The maximum level of support the Borough may provide to the District in FY27 is \$68,685,024, resulting in an additional allowable funding capacity of \$9,610,159 above the budgeted level.

FY27 Budgeted General Fund Expenditures by Function



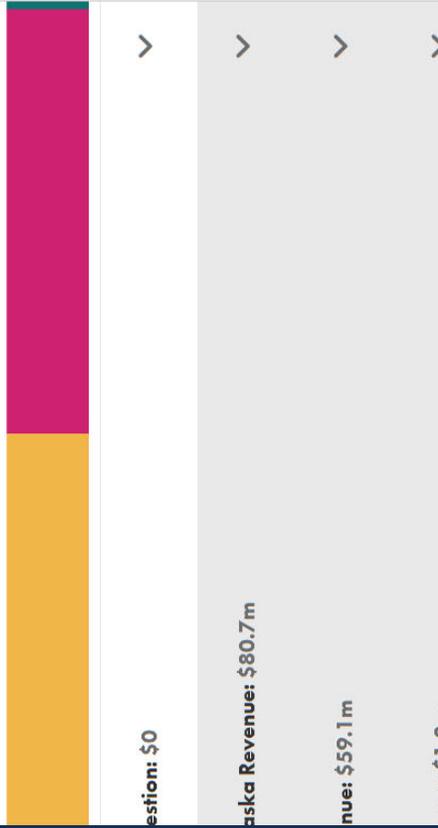


FY27 KPBSD Budget

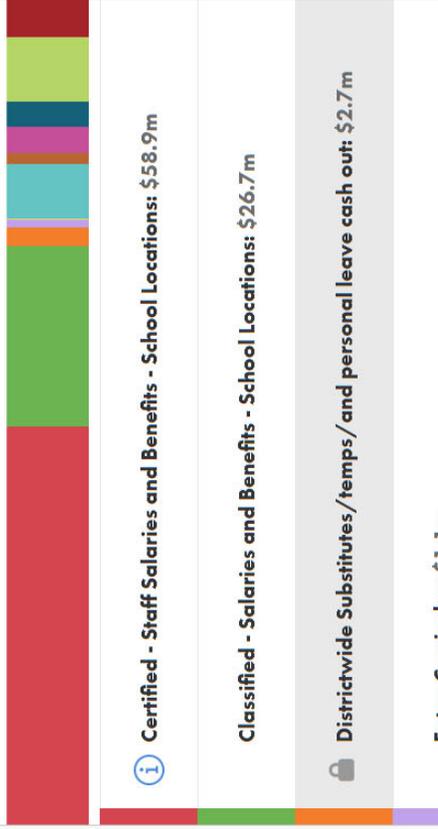
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-\$8.5m

Revenue



Spending



KPBSD Budget Scenario with Borough Funding at the Same Level as FY26

- Elimination of Distance Education certified staff
- Elimination of middle school reading positions
- Reduction of programmatic staffing by approximately 50 percent (electives and CTE)
- Elimination of certified librarian positions districtwide
- Elimination of library aide positions
- Increased activity fees at the middle and high school level to offset stipend costs
- Closure of River City Academy
- Consolidation of Seward Middle School
- Consolidation of Sterling Elementary and Tustumena Elementary into Soldotna area schools
- Closure of district swimming pools
- Reductions in travel, operating accounts, and school site supplies
- Reductions in Student Support Services (special education) and Health Services (nursing)

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Budget Award
for Excellence
in budget
planning and
transparency

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Thank you!

Questions?