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### How Senate Bill 213 Works

#### **The Federal Free and Reduced Price Breakfast and Lunch Program**

The USDA reimburses school districts in Alaska for each meal provided to children who qualify for the Federal Free and Reduced Price Breakfast and Lunch Program.

Children who fall below 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) qualify for the Free Breakfast and Lunch Program. School districts are reimbursed by the USDA at \$4.35 for each lunch and \$2.33 for each breakfast they provide to the child.

Children who fall between 130 and 185 percent of the FPL qualify for the Reduced Price Breakfast and Lunch Program and school districts are reimbursed at \$3.95 per lunch and \$2.03 per breakfast.

These numbers are adjusted annually each July 1, based on the Consumer Price Index.

There are a variety of factors, such as percentage of children per district who qualify, which can change these numbers slightly.

#### **How Senate Bill 213 works:**

Senate Bill 213 will provide a state match of 15 cents for every Free or Reduced Price School Lunch and 35 cents for every Free or Reduced Price School Breakfast.

Most school districts will receive additional funding with a formula based on the applicable School District Cost Factor for each district. They will receive  $\frac{1}{4}$  the difference between the base rate of 1.00 and the cost factor for that district, in cents.

For example, for 2010, the Nome School District has a cost factor of 1.402.

Subtracting the base rate of 1.00, .402 remains; which is then divided by four, leaving .1005, rounded to .10, or 10 cents.

The Nome School District will be reimbursed at the standard match of 15 cents for every lunch plus an additional 10 cents (25 cents total), and for every breakfast at the standard match of 35 cents plus an additional 10 cents (45 cents total).

Each school district will be reimbursed at a rate based on this calculation.

Sec. 14.17.460. District cost factors.

(a) For purposes of calculating a district's adjusted ADM under AS 14.17.410 (b)(1), the district cost factor for a school district is (1) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, the factor set out under column (A) of this subsection, (2) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the factor set out under column (B) of this subsection, (3) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, the factor set out under column (C) of this subsection, (4) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the factor set out under column (D) of this subsection, and (5) for fiscal years ending on or after June 30, 2013, the factor set out under column (E) of this subsection:

DISTRICT COST FACTOR

DISTRICT (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

Alaska Gateway 1.443 1.481 1.519 1.557 1.594

Aleutians East 1.707 1.778 1.849 1.920 1.991

Aleutians Region 1.838 1.864 1.890 1.916 1.939

Anchorage 1.000 1.000 1.000 1.000 1.000

Annette Island 1.175 1.216 1.257 1.298 1.338

Bering Strait 1.762 1.821 1.880 1.939 1.998

Bristol Bay 1.370 1.397 1.424 1.451 1.478

Chatham 1.348 1.405 1.462 1.519 1.576

Chugach 1.395 1.420 1.445 1.470 1.496

Copper River 1.246 1.264 1.282 1.300 1.316

Cordova 1.165 1.182 1.199 1.216 1.234

Craig 1.108 1.133 1.158 1.183 1.206

Deltareely 1.174 1.191 1.208 1.225 1.241

Denail 1.323 1.326 1.329 1.332 1.332

Dillingham 1.300 1.312 1.324 1.336 1.346

Fairbanks 1.055 1.059 1.063 1.067 1.070

Galena 1.370 1.376 1.382 1.388 1.391

Haines 1.104 1.128 1.152 1.176 1.200

Hoonah 1.227 1.270 1.313 1.356 1.399

Hydaburg 1.295 1.348 1.401 1.454 1.504

Iditarod 1.658 1.705 1.752 1.799 1.846

Juneau 1.075 1.093 1.111 1.129 1.145

Kake 1.242 1.296 1.350 1.404 1.459

Kashunamiut 1.504 1.533 1.562 1.591 1.619

Kenai Peninsula 1.088 1.109 1.130 1.151 1.171

Ketchikan 1.085 1.106 1.127 1.148 1.170

Klawock 1.160 1.196 1.232 1.268 1.302

Kodiak Island 1.191 1.216 1.241 1.266 1.289

Kuspuk 1.584 1.622 1.660 1.698 1.734

Lake and Peninsula 1.776 1.831 1.886 1.941 1.994

Lower Kuskokwim 1.577 1.599 1.621 1.643 1.663

Lower Yukon 1.650 1.703 1.756 1.809 1.861

Matanuska-Susitna 1.040 1.048 1.056 1.064 1.070

Mt. Edgecumbe 1.098 1.123 1.148 1.173 1.195

Nenana 1.304 1.313 1.322 1.331 1.338

Nome 1.385 1.402 1.419 1.436 1.450

North Slope 1.648 1.684 1.720 1.756 1.791

Northwest Arctic 1.686 1.720 1.754 1.788 1.823

Pelican 1.384 1.408 1.432 1.456 1.477

Petersburg 1.122 1.153 1.184 1.215 1.244  
Pribilof 1.555 1.589 1.623 1.657 1.691  
Sitka 1.098 1.123 1.148 1.173 1.195  
Skagway 1.159 1.163 1.167 1.171 1.174  
Southeast Island 1.264 1.299 1.334 1.369 1.403  
Southwest Region 1.554 1.587 1.620 1.653 1.685  
St. Mary's 1.488 1.522 1.556 1.590 1.624  
Tanana 1.641 1.677 1.713 1.749 1.786  
Unalaska 1.343 1.368 1.393 1.418 1.441  
Valdez 1.133 1.143 1.153 1.163 1.170  
Wrangell 1.080 1.100 1.120 1.140 1.159  
Yakutat 1.229 1.275 1.321 1.367 1.412  
Yukon Flats 1.892 1.948 2.004 2.060 2.116  
Yukon/Koyukuk 1.669 1.711 1.753 1.795 1.835  
Yupiit 1.596 1.628 1.660 1.692 1.723.

(b) The department shall monitor the cost factors established under (a) of this section and shall prepare and submit to the legislature by January 15 of every other fiscal year proposed district cost factors.