

ASA Budget Survey Responses

Organized alphabetically by district, with LYSD placed last.

Districts with multiple submissions are labeled Response 1 and Response 2 in date order. Single-submission districts are unlabeled. Blank response cells indicate no answer was provided.

Alaska Gateway School District

ASA Budget Deficit and Reduction Survey

Question	Response
District	Alaska Gateway School District
What is your district's proposed FY27 Budget?	\$12,030,444.66
What is your district's projected FY27 Budget Deficit?	880,000.00
What are your district's proposed reduction areas?	We have reduced spending on supplies and travel as much as possible. Our next step will be to continue to evaluate staffing in order to address the remaining budget shortfall.
What BSA increase amount would your district need to have a balanced budget for FY27?	Approximately \$900.00
Additional comments	Increases in other areas of expense such as pupil transportation or utilities would help, while we are waiting for BSA increase process.

Aleutian Region

Response 1

Question	Response
District	Aleutian Region
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	We don't have a deficit this year. We also aren't planning on a surplus.
Additional information	

Response 2

Question	Response
District	Aleutian Region
What is your district's proposed FY27 Budget?	Approximately 1.5 million
What is your district's projected FY27 Budget Deficit?	0
What are your district's proposed reduction areas?	None anticipated
What BSA increase amount would your district need to have a balanced budget for FY27?	N/A
Additional comments	

Aleutians East

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Aleutians East
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	\$598,573.34
Additional information	I may have sent a different figure previously. This is our revised projection following our last board meeting.

Annette Island School District

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Annette Island School District
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	Unknown at this time.
Additional information	We are currently working on this and will have a report for our board by the 17th.

ASD

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	ASD
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	90M
Additional information	http://asdk12.org/FY27

Bering Strait

ASA Budget Deficit and Reduction Survey

Question	Response
District	Bering Strait
What is your district's proposed FY27 Budget?	\$85,232,580
What is your district's projected FY27 Budget Deficit?	\$6,500,000
What are your district's proposed reduction areas?	Staff attrition and staff reductions, reduce student activities
What BSA increase amount would your district need to have a balanced budget for FY27?	\$900
Additional comments	Although the BSA has increased -inflationary increases over the last 10 years have not been completely remedied.

Bristol Bay Borough School District

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Bristol Bay Borough School District
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	\$45,000
Additional information	Thank you!

Chatham School District

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Chatham School District
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	\$300,000
Additional information	At this juncture is not yet clear because we have a number of issues such as Timber Receipts that will affect the deficit.

Chugach School District

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Chugach School District
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	\$0
Additional information	

Copper River School District

Response 1 | ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Copper River School District
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	Undetermined, but could be up to \$250,000
Additional information	Will know more further into the budget process

Response 2 | ASA Budget Deficit and Reduction Survey

Question	Response
District	Copper River School District
What is your district's proposed FY27 Budget?	We do not have that information yet.
What is your district's projected FY27 Budget Deficit?	We do not have that information yet.
What are your district's proposed reduction areas?	approximately \$250,000
What BSA increase amount would your district need to have a balanced budget for FY27?	+ \$1500.00
Additional comments	None

Cordova

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Cordova
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	Not sure. Just beginning budget development.
Additional information	

Craig City School District

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Craig City School District
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	\$550,000
Additional information	Please know the amount above is an estimate. The deficit will likely be more as we are in the process of holding classified negotiations.

Delta Greely School District

Response 1 | ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Delta Greely School District
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	If we do not cut anything, our estimated deficit will be 1.8 million between revenue and expenditures before we use reserves.
Additional information	There are no cuts that we can make that will not directly impact students. We have a very small number of staff at the district level. The superintendent is the only certified staff member outside of the school. Most funds are applied in the classroom.

Response 2 | ASA Budget Deficit and Reduction Survey

Question	Response
District	Delta Greely School District
What is your district's proposed FY27 Budget?	15,006,362
What is your district's projected FY27 Budget Deficit?	1,350,000
What are your district's proposed reduction areas?	Fund Balance - There is nothing to cut without directly affecting service delivery.
What BSA increase amount would your district need to have a balanced budget for FY27?	202 increase in BSA
Additional comments	We have a very lean district office and very limited staff who are not directly working with students. There is nothing left to cut unless we cut programs directly.

Denali Borough School District

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Denali Borough School District
Please share your district's budget	\$825,000 of a total budget of \$13.6 million. This is 6% of our budget.

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Additional information	This is based on our draft FY27 Budget as presented to our board in January 2026

Dillingham City SD

ASA Budget Deficit and Reduction Survey

Question	Response
District	Dillingham City SD
What is your district's proposed FY27 Budget?	11908500
What is your district's projected FY27 Budget Deficit?	0
What are your district's proposed reduction areas?	350000
What BSA increase amount would your district need to have a balanced budget for FY27?	1 million-2 million
Additional comments	

Fairbanks North Star Borough School District

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Fairbanks North Star Borough School District
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	No deficit for FY 27, although the current budget does not account for any salary or benefit increases for FY27.
Additional information	

Galena City School District

ASA Budget Deficit and Reduction Survey

Question	Response
District	Galena City School District
What is your district's proposed FY27 Budget?	TBD - We do not complete this phase of our budgeting until Mid-March due to the ebbs and flows of state funding, potential policy changes and costs of vendors, etc.
What is your district's projected FY27 Budget Deficit?	We are expecting to operate at a notable deficit this year due to several factors inclusive of: On-going major maintenance issues, substantial increase in food service/supply costs as a major by-pass mail contract for our community with USPS was discontinued by the Federal Gov., the significant decrease in funding for Residential Schools across the state and escalating utility and professional services costs.
What are your district's proposed reduction areas?	Counseling Services, Student Activities, Career and Technical Education Courses and building closures.
What BSA increase amount would your district need to have a balanced budget for FY27?	Residential Stipend increase of 100% to cover actual room and board expenditures. Unknown until we complete our budgetary processes.
Additional comments	

Haines Borough School District

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Haines Borough School District
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	\$276,000
Additional information	We have kept wages low to remain within budget (bottom 3rd in the state). This translates into unfilled positions and high rates of turnover. Even with additional contributions from the borough (a 30% increase) in FY26, we remain in a deficit. Increases in healthcare costs and student transportation further hamper our ability to balance our budget.

Hoonah

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
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District	Hoonah
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	615,000
Additional information	This is general fund 360,000 plus 90,000 food plus 166,000 housing approximately

Hydaburg City School

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Hydaburg City School
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	\$450,000
Additional information	Enrollment will decrease by over 5% in FY26-27.

Iditarod Area

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Iditarod Area
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	0
Additional information	

Juneau School District

ASA Budget Deficit and Reduction Survey

Question	Response
District	Juneau School District
What is your district's proposed FY27 Budget?	Projected Revenues = \$ 75,741,965 Projected Expenditures = \$ 81,107,965
What is your district's projected FY27 Budget Deficit?	\$5.36 million JSD is currently on the final year of Hold Harmless following FY25 consolations. Without hold harmless, the actual deficit for FY27 would be \$6.7M.
What are your district's proposed reduction areas?	At this time, the Board of Education is considering utilizing remaining fund balance to cover the FY27 deficit. Other considerations for reductions include increasing PTR.
What BSA increase amount would your district need to have a balanced budget for FY27?	An increase to the BSA of \$864, based on projected AADM, would be needed to have a balanced FY27 budget.
Additional comments	

Kashunamiut School District

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Kashunamiut School District
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	We do have one.
Additional information	We submit a balanced budget each year to the state.

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	\$8,608,713
Additional information	Due to the increase in the Full and True Value of taxable real and personal property in our Borough, the required local contribution went up and has shifted the fiscal responsibility from the State to the Borough. KPB's proposed FY27 local contribution is \$59,074,865 which is \$9,610,159 below the maximum appropriation of \$68,685,024. With unstable funding, declining enrollment, and rising operational costs, our District is facing a deficit of 8,608,713 once again in FY27.

Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	\$1.7M estimate as of 2/4/2026
Additional information	1.Contract negotiations with 3 unions (teachers is one) 2.Negotiating terms for contract extension for Transportation 12.5% increase \$250,000 deficit 3. \$5.4M payable to borough for underfunding of self insured health plan. Repayment terms TBD.

Kodiak Island Borough School District

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Kodiak Island Borough School District
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	\$3,700,000 to \$4,700,000 depending on whether the borough funds to the cap instead of at 86%.
Additional information	

Lower Kuskokwim

ASA Budget Deficit and Reduction Survey

Question	Response
District	Lower Kuskokwim
What is your district's proposed FY27 Budget?	\$94,400,773.73
What is your district's projected FY27 Budget Deficit?	\$2,893,306.73
What are your district's proposed reduction areas?	If we have to reduce, it will likely occur in reduction of staff and a higher Pupil Teacher Ratio.
What BSA increase amount would your district need to have a balanced budget for FY27?	\$240
Additional comments	

MSBSD

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	MSBSD
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	22 Million Projected
Additional information	IF the Borough increases their allocation by the same amount the state is taking away because of increased property values the deficit will only be about 19 million.

Nenana City School District

ASA Budget Deficit and Reduction Survey

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What is your district's projected FY27 Budget Deficit?	\$552,992.00																																													
What are your district's proposed reduction areas?	Personnel																																													
What BSA increase amount would your district need to have a balanced budget for FY27?	250																																													
Additional comments	FY28 proposed deficit is \$807,396																																													

Nome Public Schools

ASA Budget Deficit and Reduction Survey

Question	Response
District	Nome Public Schools
What is your district's proposed FY27 Budget?	\$18.9M
What is your district's projected FY27 Budget Deficit?	\$725K - if our City doesn't increase their appropriation from last year's cut, it would grow to \$1.5M
What are your district's proposed reduction areas?	Athletic travel, supplies, teachers.
What BSA increase amount would your district need to have a balanced budget for FY27?	\$240 - a \$6900 BSA
Additional comments	Please consider an increase to the transportation amount and the residential stipend - those may be an easier "lift" than a BSA increase and would definitely still provide funds to districts in need.

North Slope Borough School District

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	North Slope Borough School District
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	Currently \$9,944,817
Additional information	Still going through the budget projection process and meeting with our local Borough to request a funding increase. We have seen a large increase to utility and insurance costs (medical & property and liability). None of our revenue sources have kept up with inflation, the State or our local borough. NSBSD HAS increased instructional staffing, and that shows in our student growth data. To continue to see growth in student achievement, we feel like "extra" instructional staffing is needed and will be trying to find other ways to "cut" our spending.

Petersburg

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Petersburg
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	\$277,000 deficit- Rolling forward status quo
Additional information	This number is not a true reflection of the numerous reductions in staffing and program decisions that have been made over the years. It only represents a status quo staffing on an already underfunded and understaffed school community

Pribilof Island School District

ASA Budget Deficit and Reduction Survey

Question	Response
District	Pribilof Island School District
What is your district's proposed FY27 Budget?	\$1,850,000
What is your district's projected FY27 Budget Deficit?	N/A
What are your district's proposed reduction areas?	N/A
What BSA increase amount would your district need to have a balanced budget for FY27?	N/A
Additional comments	

Saint Mary's School District

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Saint Mary's School District

Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	\$200,000 - \$300,000
Additional information	We have not completed the budget yet, but looking ahead this amount is probably what will happen.

Sitka School District

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Sitka School District
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	\$2,102,386.00
Additional information	This includes an anticipated but conservative increase in health insurance of 10%. In the last two years we had a health insurance increase of 30%!

Skagway

ASA Budget Deficit and Reduction Survey

Question	Response
District	Skagway
What is your district's proposed FY27 Budget?	3.85 Million
What is your district's projected FY27 Budget Deficit?	750K
What are your district's proposed reduction areas?	No formal proposals yet, but staffing is a possibility
What BSA increase amount would your district need to have a balanced budget for FY27?	2000
Additional comments	

Southeast Island School District

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Southeast Island School District
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	Currently at our current funding level we will have a \$827,000.00 budget deficit.
Additional information	This budget deficit does not include any updates to facilities (fire suppression systems failures, three schools without clean drinking water, our furnace fixes).

UCSD

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	UCSD
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	\$0 (see additional information)
Additional information	although we are budgeting to maintain a small fund balance, we are, once again, not adding a teacher that is needed nor addressing maintenance/technology infrastructure needs. If we were to catch back up in these areas, we would have a \$250K deficit with the depletion of fund balance of \$500K

Valdez City Schools

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Valdez City Schools
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	\$0
Additional information	We made several cuts last year and holding steady.

Wrangell

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Wrangell
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	around \$600,000
Additional information	Part of the deficit is bringing the general fund below the 10% threshold. We will still have 200,000 in our general fund at this point. This from the first preliminary budget. We still have lots of decisions to make.

Yakutat

ASA District Budget Deficit Survey

Question	Response
District	Yakutat
Please share your district's budget deficit for FY27	We have not started our budget process. Our FY26 had a deficit of \$313K. I'm expecting FY27 to be more than that.
Additional information	

Yupit

ASA Budget Deficit and Reduction Survey

Question	Response
District	Yupit
What is your district's proposed FY27 Budget?	\$19,549,000.
What is your district's projected FY27 Budget Deficit?	First reading- -\$166,000
What are your district's proposed reduction areas?	We have cut administrative, teaching, and support positions for two years. For FY27 there will be another reduction in administration
What BSA increase amount would your district need to have a balanced budget for FY27?	If the district had BSA inflation proofing that will keep us operating. We need a \$1000.00 increase in the BSA to complete needed repairs to buildings, and to support additional literacy support teaching specialists, and to increase teacher salaries to remain competitive with other states and Alaska districts
Additional comments	

LYSD

ASA Budget Deficit and Reduction Survey

Question	Response
District	LYSD
What is your district's proposed FY27 Budget?	\$64 million (including Foundation Formula and Federal Grants)
What is your district's projected FY27 Budget Deficit?	\$5 million
What are your district's proposed reduction areas?	Increase classroom size and reduce programs for students and absorb positions through retirements and transfers.
What BSA increase amount would your district need to have a balanced budget for FY27?	For every \$100 increase in the BSA, LYSD generates approximately \$200,000 in revenue. To close a \$5 million deficit, we would need roughly a \$2,500 increase in the BSA.
Additional comments	Rural school districts in Alaska operate in a fundamentally different financial environment than municipal districts. Our cost structure is driven by forces largely outside of our control. First, freight and transportation costs significantly impact our budget. Nearly every instructional material, piece of equipment, food item, and maintenance supply must be shipped into our communities by barge or air. We do not benefit from road systems or economies of scale. When freight rates increase, our costs increase immediately. There are no local substitutes and no alternative vendors. Second, fuel and energy costs disproportionately affect rural districts. Many of our communities rely on diesel-generated power. Heating oil and electricity are not optional line items — they are essential to keeping schools operational in extreme winter conditions. When fuel prices rise, the district absorbs those increases directly. We cannot negotiate our way out of global energy markets. Third, facilities costs are higher and more complex in remote Alaska. Harsh weather conditions accelerate wear and tear on buildings. Repairs require specialized contractors who must travel into the village, often at significant cost. Delays due to weather, freight schedules, or limited labor availability further increase expenses. Maintaining safe, warm, and operational buildings in rural Alaska is simply more expensive than in road-accessible communities. In addition to these structural cost pressures, rural districts do not have the ability to generate local revenue through property taxes. Municipal districts can levy

a mill rate and supplement state funding with local contributions. We cannot. We do not have a local tax base to draw from. Our funding is almost entirely dependent on state Foundation funding and federal sources such as Impact Aid. This means that when costs rise — whether for fuel, freight, utilities, insurance, or personnel — we do not have a local mechanism to offset those increases. We cannot raise taxes. We cannot expand a commercial tax base. We are reliant on adjustments to the Base Student Allocation (BSA) and federal funding streams. For rural districts, budget deficits are rarely the result of inefficiency. They are structural. When the BSA remains flat while freight, fuel, and facilities costs continue to rise, the gap grows. Without the ability to generate local revenue, we are left to make reductions in staffing and student services — even when those services are already lean. Rural education in Alaska is not just about instruction. It is about operating complex infrastructure in remote environments with limited fiscal tools. Sustainable funding must account for these realities.