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The Honorable Lyman Hoffman
Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 518
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The Honorable Donald Olson
Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 508
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The Honorable Bert Stedman
Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 516
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senators Hoffman, Olson, and Stedman,

This letter serves as a response to the questions addressed to the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) during the presentation on the Bond Reimbursement and Grant Review (BRGR) Committee at the Thursday, April 9, 2026, Senate Finance meeting.

1. Provide tracking of how long projects have been listed.

The DEED has reviewed the major maintenance and school construction lists and added a column to identify how long each project has been on the list. Please note that this may not reflect a project that has changed its scope or title significantly through the years. In addition, a list is attached of the districts and their annual number of Capital Improvement Project (CIP) applications. Both of these lists are limited to a 20-year lookback period.

2. Provide information on prototypical school designs.

The DEED prepared a report to the legislature in 2015 titled A Report on the Benefits and Disadvantages of Prototypical School Design and Construction in Alaska and available in the link provided. This report discusses the benefits and disadvantages of prototypical school design and construction in Alaska as required by Chapter 15, SLA 2014 (HB 278).

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Please don't hesitate to reach out with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Deena Bishop, Ed.D.
Commissioner

Enclosures: CIP Applications by District
FY27CIP_Final_Lists-Years on List

cc: Jordan Shilling, Director, Governor's Legislative Office