



# Fairbanks North Star Borough District

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## TYPES OF SCHOOLS

Elementary (grades preK -5, includes K -8)	15
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Secondary (grades 6 -12)	7
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Schools of Choice (Charters)	5
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Schools of Choice (Other)	5
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<b>Total Schools:</b>	<b>32</b>
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# Alaska Purple Star Schools



The Purple Star Designation awards military -friendly schools that show a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military.

## **2024 -2027**

Anne Wien Elementary  
Denali Elementary  
Fairbanks BEST Homeschool  
Hutchison High School  
Midnight Sun Elementary  
North Pole Elementary  
Ryan Middle  
Salcha Elementary  
Ticasuk Brown Elementary  
Two Rivers Elementary  
Weller Elementary

## **2023 -2026**

Ladd Elementary

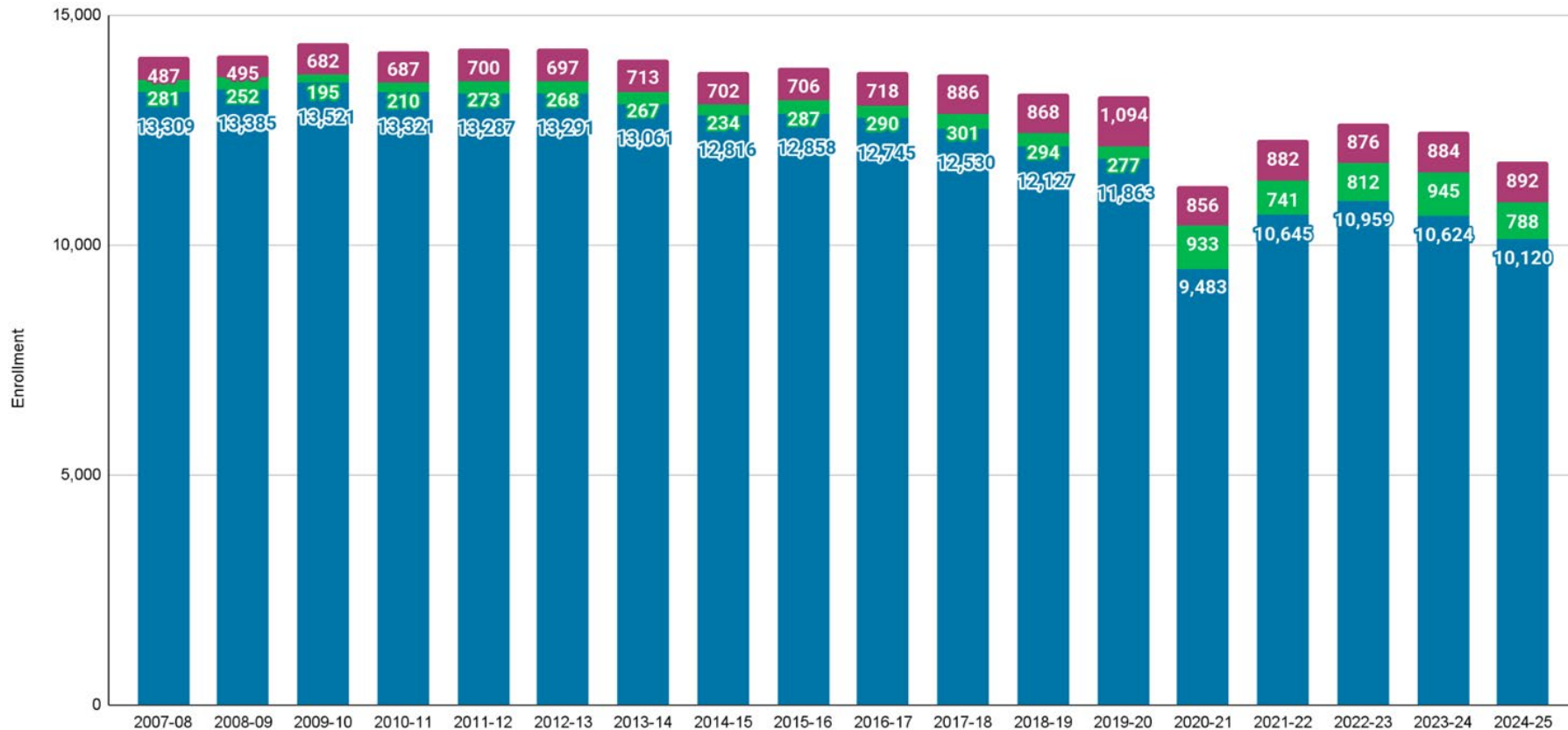
## **2022 -2025**

Anderson Elementary  
Arctic Light Elementary  
Ben Eielson Jr/Sr High  
Crawford Elementary  
Discovery Peak Charter  
Hunter Elementary  
Lathrop High  
North Pole Middle  
North Pole High  
Tanana Middle  
West Valley High



# Neighborhood School Enrollment Changes

■ Charter Schools ■ BEST Correspondence ■ Neighborhood Schools







## Reductions Since 2019

- Closed Seven Schools
- Cut over 250 jobs
- 20% reduction in administration
- Class sizes have increased
- Special Education positions
- Extended Learning Program
- Elementary band & orchestra
- Elementary art
- Activity funds
- Supply & activity budgets cut 50%

# FY26 Budget Forecast

Preliminary Deficit - **\$31 million** (*15% general fund budget*)

If \$680 increase is repeated - **\$16 million** (*8% general fund budget*)

## Revenue Outlook:

- State – **\$4 million decrease** (assuming \$680 repeat)
- Local – Status quo
- Federal – **\$625,000 decrease**

# FY26 Budget Impact

Projected FY26 Deficit	<b>\$16 million</b>
Contracting Custodians	-\$3 million
School Consolidations	-\$4.7million
<b>Remaining FY26 Deficit:</b>	<b>\$8.3 million</b>



# \$1,400 BSA Increase

- **Break even point for FY26 deficit**
  - Ensures no continued class size increases
  - Alaska Reads Act tutoring
  - Address growing liabilities in technology, curriculum, & transportation

# LAST YEAR'S AREAS OF FOCUS



## LITERACY

Strengthening early literacy and continuing to grow students' reading skills.



## CULTURE & CLIMATE

Show measurable growth in improving student and staff culture in our District and schools.



## ATTENDANCE

Increase the percentage of students with 90% or better attendance.

# Literacy

23% Growth in 2023-24!

23-24 Beginning of Year mClass Data

	Far Below	Below	Proficient	Well Above
K	467	184	122	115
1	365	193	207	167
2	345	149	227	188
3	306	176	232	235
	1483	702	788	705
	2185		1493	
	59.41%		40.59%	

23-23 End of Year mClass Data

	Far Below	Below	Proficient	Well Above
K	189	127	257	259
1	187	122	271	323
2	204	132	269	238
3	213	107	337	302
	793	488	1134	1122
	1281		2256	
	36.22%		63.78%	

# DISTRICT DATA DASHBOARDS

Includes enrollment, graduation rates, school  
climate, assessment, and discipline data



# Partnering With School Districts

- **Shared Accountability:** Collaboration between districts and the state is essential for defining and achieving clear goals.
- **Importance of Funding:** Adequate resources enable smaller class sizes, intervention programs, and adequate resources to achieve goals.
- **Holistic Support:** Recognize diverse student needs and provide timely support, including initiatives like the Alaska Reads Act.
- **Student Growth as a Key Measure:** Emphasize growth instead of only test scores to holistically evaluate success in education.





# Questions?

