

School District Major Maintenance



Thorne Bay School Roof,
Southeast Island School District
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Alaska Council of School Administrators
*Leadership, Unity and Advocacy
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ACSA Joint Position Statements - Major Maintenance

ACSA advocates for a thorough review and updated process of the Department of Education and Early Development's (DEED) Major Maintenance application process.

In order to provide students and staff a safe and healthy environment, we must ensure reliable, adequate and equitable funding through the DEED school construction process for capital projects and major maintenance to existing district facilities.



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JOINT POSITION
STATEMENTS

2025

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IS OUR NUMBER
ONE PRIORITY.**

**SUSTAINABLE FUNDING REMAINS OUR
MOST CRITICAL NEED.**



Alaska Schools - *by the numbers**

129,903
students



53
school districts
In business terms,
largest employer in
most communities



444
school facilities
63% are >40 years old

* 2025 DEED data

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Ongoing Challenges: Deferred maintenance

Growing maintenance needs, limited state funding

- Average building age: 45 years
- 83 buildings are over 60 years old

Current backlog:

Over \$330 million and growing



St. Paul School Air Handler Shaft,
Pribilof School District - Project #6

School District Major Maintenance

- Alaska's schools are facing a critical infrastructure crisis.
- Years of underfunding and deferred maintenance have left schools in poor condition.



Homer High School Roof Dry Rot -
Kenai Peninsula School District

Recommended & Funded Capital Renewal by Fiscal Year - DEED 2024

Fiscal Year	Insured Value Main School Facilities	Insured Value School-Related Facilities	Recommended 3% Capital Renewal	Total AS 14.11 Funding	Percent of Funded Capital Renewal
FY2011	\$6,024,558,783	\$611,992,436	\$199,096,537	\$244,938,510	123.0%
FY2012	\$6,284,565,324	\$672,832,563	\$208,721,937	\$487,746,214*	233.7%
FY2013	\$6,484,708,153	\$702,083,591	\$215,603,752	\$158,734,700*	73.6%
FY2014	\$6,674,414,111	\$731,668,516	\$222,182,479	\$222,622,004*	100.2%
FY2015	\$6,893,678,341	\$737,283,808	\$228,928,864	\$56,633,185	24.7%
FY2016	\$7,494,373,579	\$767,501,801	\$247,856,261	\$45,861,089*	18.5%
FY2017	\$7,527,851,947	\$843,273,351	\$251,133,759	\$74,562,588*	29.7%
FY2018	\$7,806,679,400	\$884,635,956	\$260,739,461	\$45,815,477*	17.6%
FY2019	\$7,948,009,247	\$928,767,221	\$266,303,294	\$69,690,759*	26.2%
FY2020	\$8,306,164,560	\$959,092,600	\$277,957,715	\$27,448,190*	9.9%
FY2021	\$8,375,372,209	\$968,531,369	\$280,317,107	\$34,277*	0.0%
FY2022	\$8,640,281,425	\$971,902,844	\$288,365,528	\$12,608,008	4.4%
FY2023	\$9,225,094,162	\$1,041,287,466	\$307,991,449	\$139,129,382*	45.2%
FY2024	\$10,461,130,625	\$1,242,840,821	\$351,119,143	\$70,416,930	20.1%
Totals			\$3,606,317,286	\$1,656,241,313	45.9%

*See endnote.

Projects on the DEED Major Maintenance List

FY 2025 Rank	FY 2018 Rank	Project Name	School District
22	78	Thorne Bay School Mechanical Control Updates	Southeast Island
30	63	Haines High School Roof Replacement	Haines
57	42	Tuluksak K-12 School Fuel Tank Replacement	Yupitit
73	70	Kake High School Plumbing Replacement	Kake
81	96	Thorne Bay School Roof Replacement	Southeast Island

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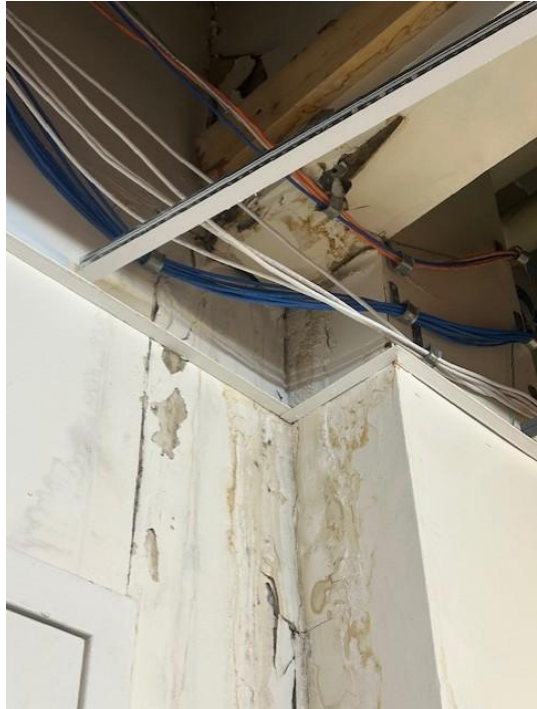
Current State of Alaska Schools

- Structural damage, mold, failing heating systems.
- Unsafe learning environments.
- Impact on student health and academic performance.



McGrath School Attic, Ice in Tarps -
Iditarod School District - Project 62

Effects of Deferred maintenance



Galena School Splitting due to foundation failures -
Galena School District



Kenny Lake Boilers -
Copper River School District



Thorne Bay School Fire
Suppression System - Southeast
Island School District - Project
#38

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Effects of Deferred maintenance



Bathroom Floor in Nikolai School -
Iditarod School District



Soldotna High School Siding -
Kenai School District - Project #4



Standing water under Chevak
School - Kashunamiut School
District - Project #24

Proposed Solutions

- Increase state capital funding.
- Develop a long-term maintenance strategy.
- Ensure equitable resource distribution.
- Review and update the application process
 - Separate lists for REAA districts and Municipal/Borough districts
- Engineer and architect support provided by the state to districts that can't afford it



Flooded septic tank due to pump failure - Lake and Peninsula Borough School District

Thank you! Questions?

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