

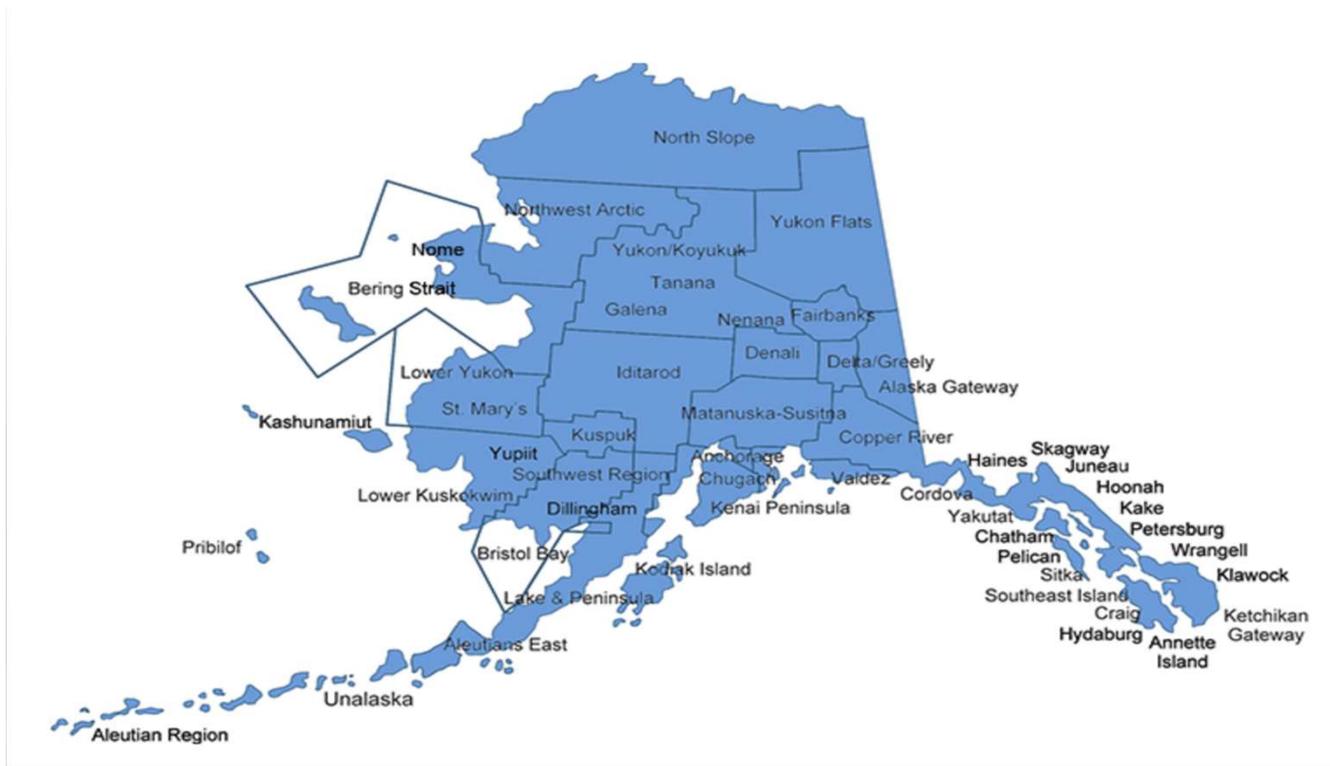
Funding for Alaska's Schools



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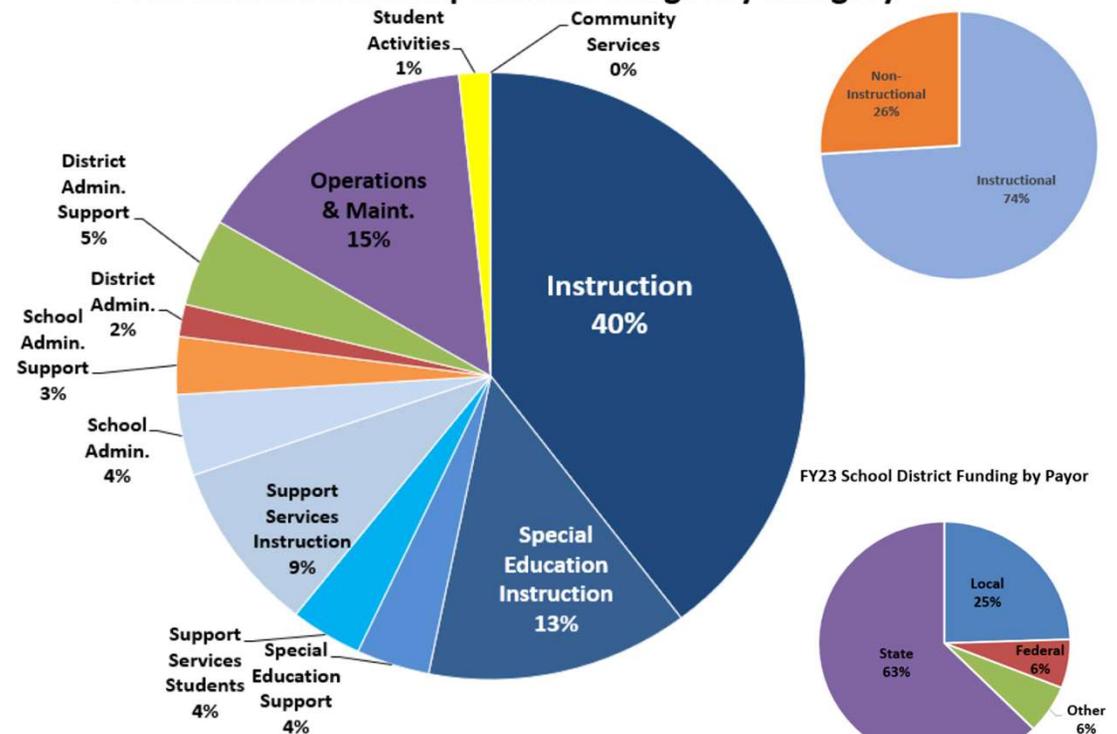
Supporting Alaska's 54 School Districts



Education Funding Myths

Myth 1: The majority of funds go to administration

Education Funding Overview
FY23 School District Expenditure Budget by Category



Source: DEED data compiled by Legislative Finance Division
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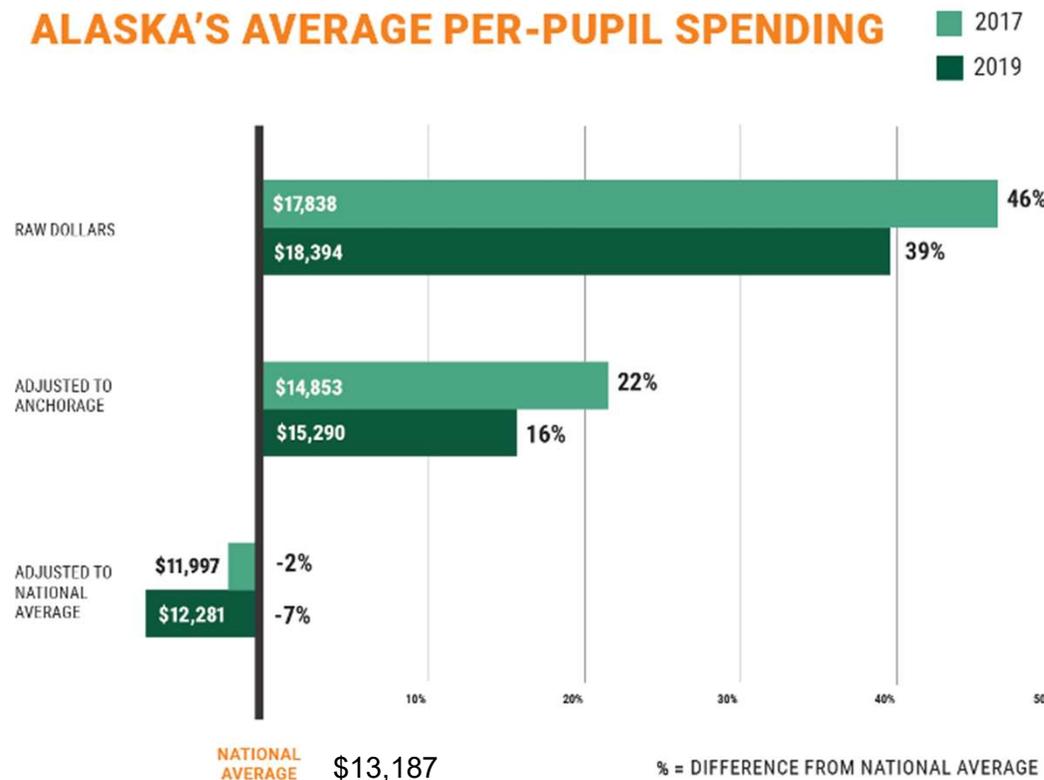


Education Funding Myths



Myth 2: Alaska ranks near the top in per pupil spending

ALASKA'S AVERAGE PER-PUPIL SPENDING



Source: Center for Alaska Education Policy Research - 2022 Analysis with 2019 data
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Adequate Funding remains
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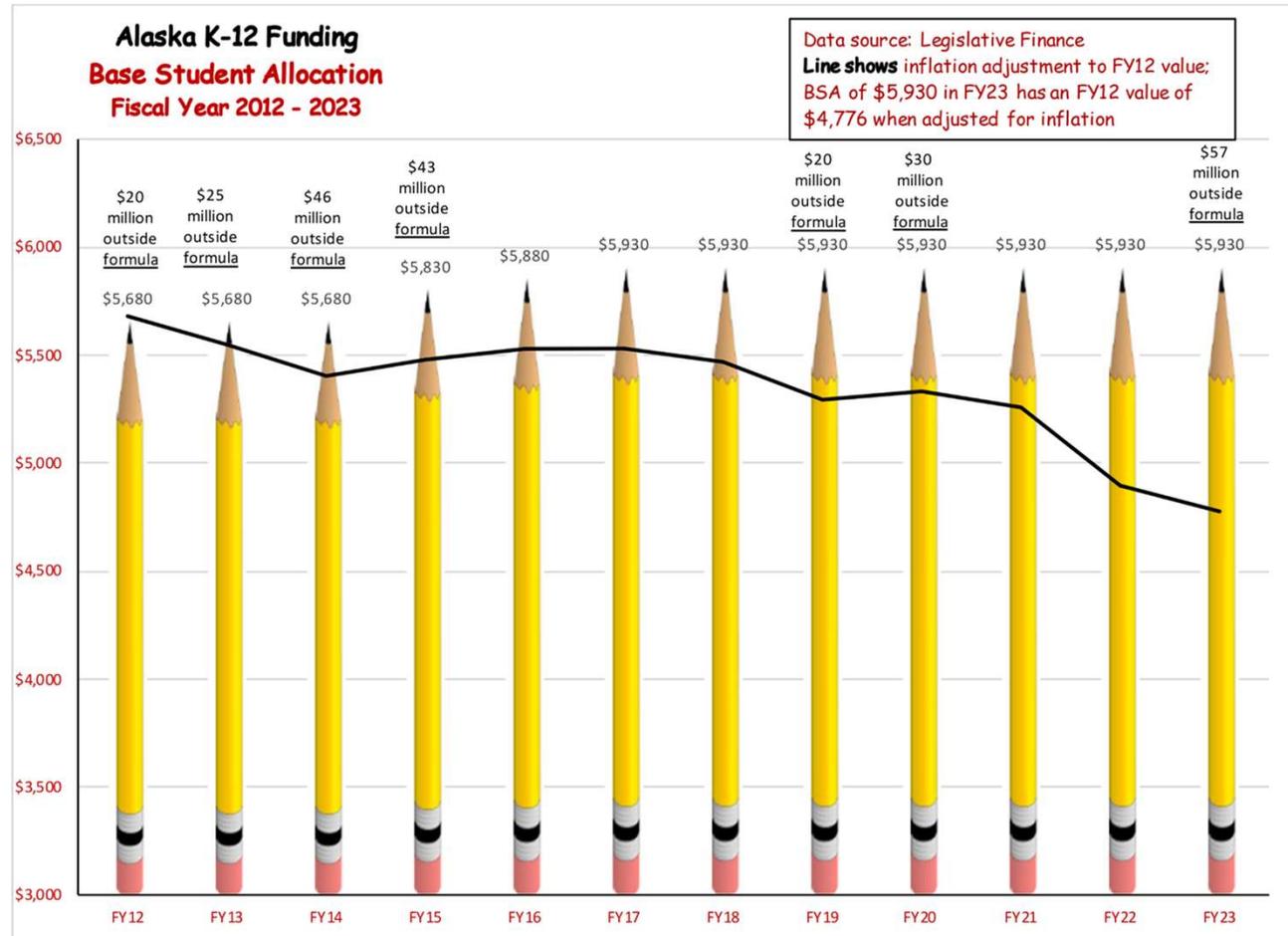
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Priority Funding for Public Education

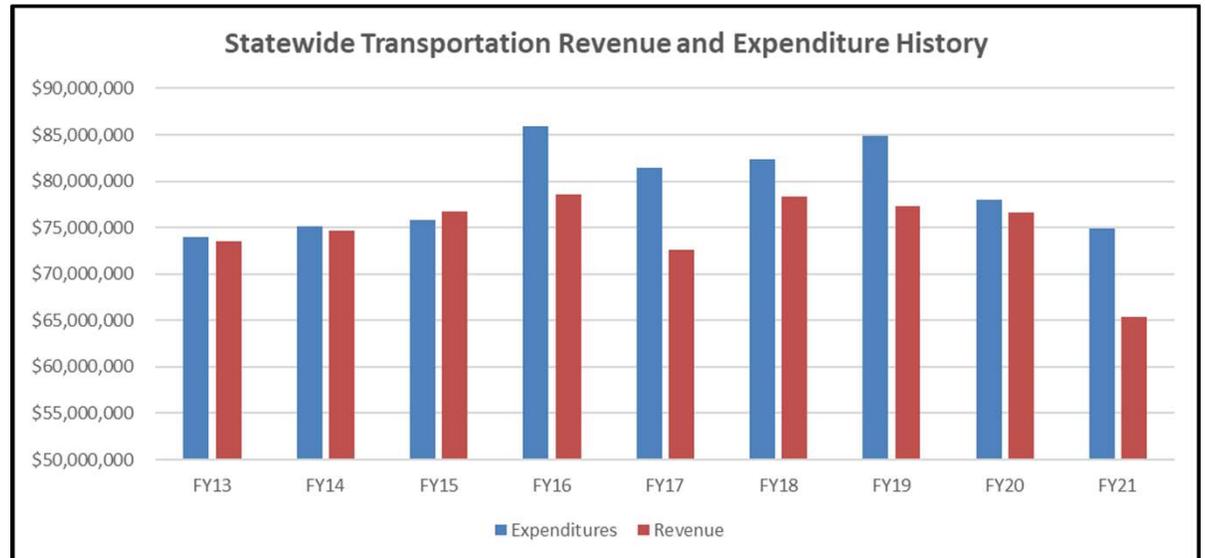
- Early and predictable funding is crucial
- Flat funding & 40 year high inflation = unsustainable loss of purchasing power
- >1% BSA Increase FY24 to implement the Alaska Reads Act



How BSA Flat Funding is affecting our schools



School Transportation Funding



Source: DEED audited revenues and expenditures compiled by ALASBO



How BSA Flat Funding is affecting our schools

- Fixed Cost Increases
 - Utilities - i.e, energy
 - Insurance costs (health, liability, ect.)
 - Transportation
 - Classroom materials
- 8% inflation in 2022
- Cuts have been made in schools to continue safe operations



Costs of Turnover

- ISER Study - 2017
 - Every time Alaska replaces a teacher, it costs the school district over \$20,000
- RAND Study - 2019
 - Average cost to replace a principal is \$75,000



Educator Turnover

The PK-12 Instability Equation

Superintendent
Turnover

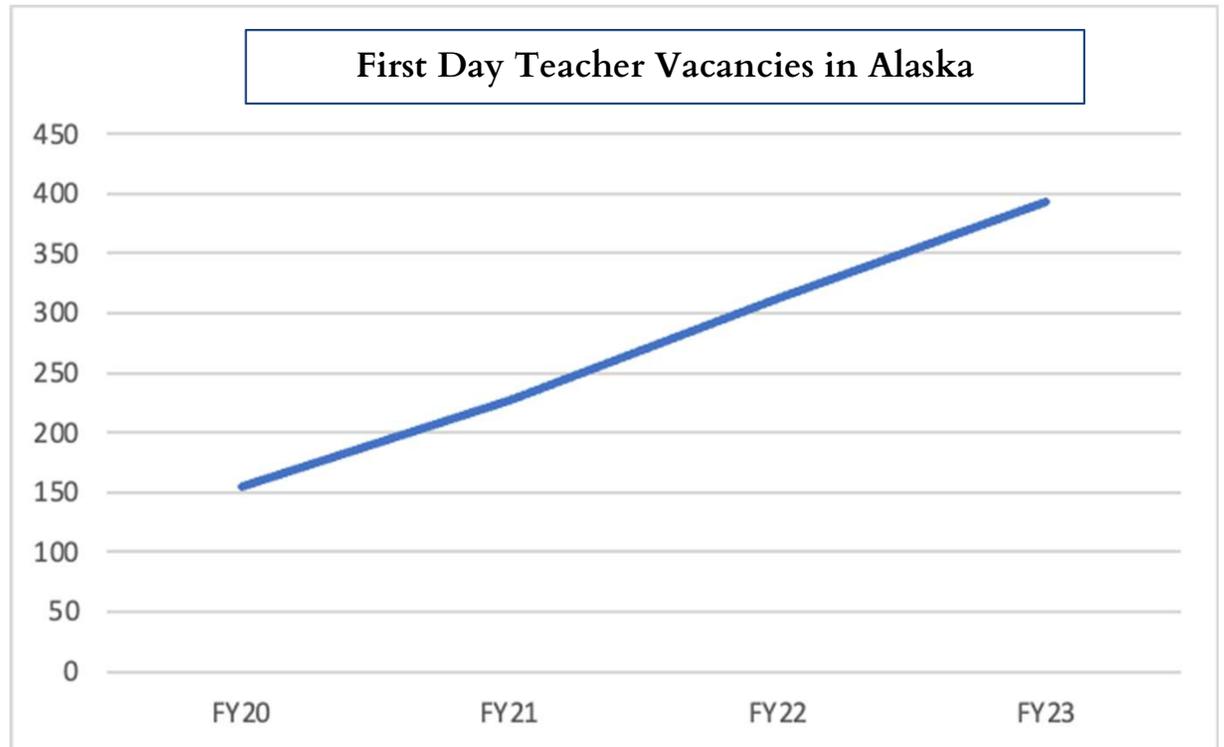
+ Principal Turnover

+ Teacher Turnover

Instability



Educator Turnover



Source: Alaska Department of Education and Early Development

Costs of Turnover

According to the American Journal of Education

- Students achieve less in math and reading during first year after leader turnover
- Year-after-year turnover creates cumulative negative effects



What can be done to improve school funding?

- BSA Increase of 14-18%
- Increase will only balance current operating costs
- Inflation proof the BSA



Questions?

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