Effects of Public Education Funding in Alaska

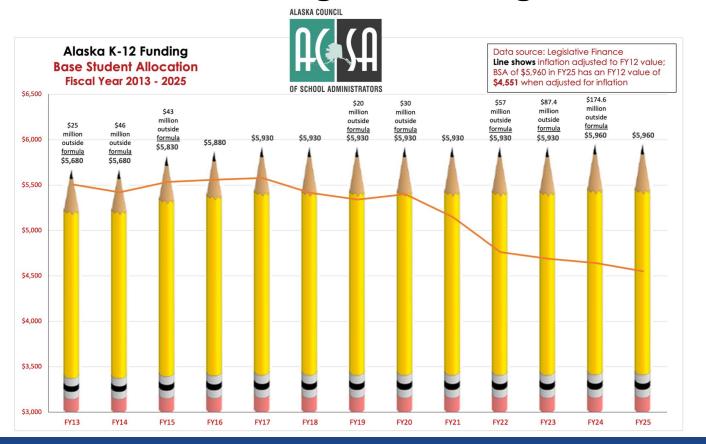


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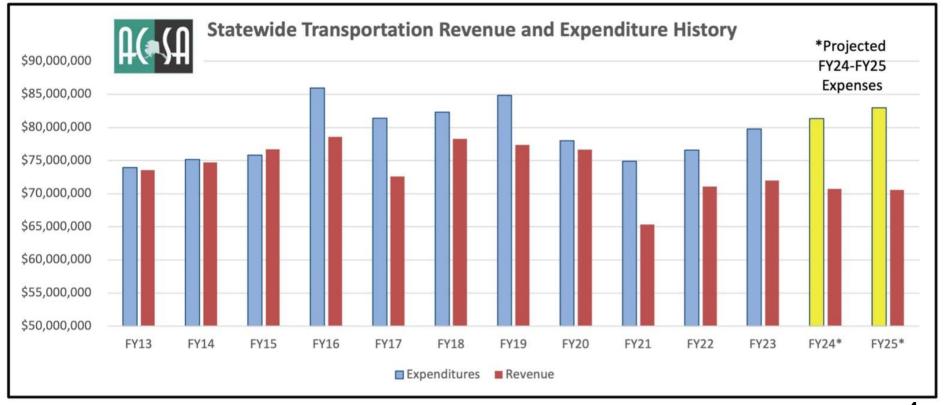
Funding for Public Education

- Early and predictable funding is crucial
- Flat funding & inflation = unsustainable loss of purchasing power
- Since FY17 \$30 (>1%) BSA Increase in FY24 to implement the Alaska Reads Act

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School Transportation Funding



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

Fiscal outlook for KPBSD without a BSA Increase

- Without a funding increase, KPBSD is facing a \$16.9 million deficit
- KPBSD Fund balance is currently less than \$300,000
- All Special education grant funding has been spend down
- Cuts to programs, staffing and school closures are being considered to balance our budget



KPBSD Proposed Cuts

- Certificated staff 85.5 teachers
 - Would increase pupil teacher ratio (PTR) by 10 or more in all schools and grades (\$9.8 million budget reduction)
- Cut Pool/Theaters (\$1.4 million budget reduction)
- Cut all extra-curricular activities, includes all sports (\$1.2 million budget reduction)
- District office staff
 - Certified/support salaries reduced by 10%
 - Operating Accounts reduced by 10%
- Cuts to Middle College and Curriculum
- Increase PTR to 1:200 for Connections Homeschool





Thank you! Questions?

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