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House Finance Committee – Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) Budget

Overview

Follow-up on Committee Member Comments

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- 1. Representative Galvin requested the number of students being served at Head Start Program and the funding associated with it.**

Enclosed is the Department of Education and Early Development's (DEED) Early Learning 2023 funding report which includes the Head Start Program.

- *Enclosure 1 - DEED EARL 2023 Report revised 3-7-2023*

- 2. Representative Tomaszewski requested the total amounts for FY2022 Actuals and FY2023 Management Plan numbers.**

Enclosed is the updated presentation slide deck with the totals added to the budget slides.

- *Enclosure 2 – DEED Budget Overview H FIN 02.28.23 rev 03.02.23*

- 3. Representative Galvin requested the number of positions in the Early Learning and Pre-K components.**

DEED has four full-time positions budgeted in the Early Learning Coordination component. There are no budgeted positions in the Pre-Kindergarten Grants component. All funding in the Pre-Kindergarten Grants component is awarded to grantees.

- 4. Representative Galvin requested more information on the various cost changes at the school districts to reduce costs, specifically if DEED has a measurement of inflation as compared to the dollars spent on education.**

DEED does not have the authority to collect information from school districts related to cost changes in the school districts, but this information may be requested at the local school district level.

DEED does not have a measurement for inflation information; however, the Legislative Finance Division has provided the Alaska Council of School Administrators (ACSA) with inflation adjustment information from FY2012 to FY2023. The enclosed document shows a measure of inflation in

relation to the BSA from ACSA's presentation to the [House Education Committee on February 27, 2023](#)¹.

- *Enclosure 3 - BSA Inflation Pencil Chart from Alaska Council of School Administrators*

5. Representative Josephson requested Statewide Library Electronic Doorway (SLED) funding amounts distributed in FY2023.

Annually, the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums grants federal InterLibrary Cooperation Grant funding to support the Alaska Library Network's SLED service. Enclosed are the first three quarter grant payouts for FY2023 to the Alaska Library Network. In FY2023, \$375,263 out of \$500,351 has been distributed in support of the SLED service to date.

- *Enclosure 4 - FY23 ILC Grant Payout_SLED*

¹ State of Alaska Legislature. House Education Committee Alaska Council of School Administrators (ACSA) Hearing on February 27, 2023 https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=HEDC%202023-02-27%2008:00:00#tab4_4e.