



Community Update – December 2021

Superintendent Search Timeline



Message from the School Board President



As we move through the holidays, the Anchorage School Board remains busy with big projects to tackle.

One of the biggest tasks is the budget. ASD was surprised by the proposed costs shifted from the Bronson Administration’s proposed budget that put our already fragile financial outlook at risk. The Board will remain focused on providing safe, secure, and stable school environments that are critical to our students’ success.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and stagnant Base Allocation (BSA) formula have resulted in significant future fiscal challenges. The American Relief Plan (ARP) funding, while significant, is a short-term fix.

We want to thank the Anchorage Assembly Budget Committee for their respect and understanding of our different budget cycles and considering ASD a partner in this process. The Anchorage Assembly approved needed amendments to the Mayor’s budget proposal to help keep resources in the classroom for our students and teachers. The support from our city is greatly appreciated as the Assembly considers overriding the Mayor’s vetoes.

The ASD Administration will submit a balanced budget for public consideration in January with Board deliberations in February.

Two other big projects in progress are the school bond proposal and the superintendent search. You can read more about it in this month’s community update.

I want to thank the community for its continued dedication and support for the Anchorage School District. Together we are stronger.

I hope everyone has a blessed and safe holiday season!

Very Respectfully,

Margo Bellamy

President, Anchorage School Board

School Board Approves 2022 Bond Proposal

Last month the Anchorage School Board approved a 2022 bond proposition for the April municipal election. It now goes to the Anchorage Assembly for approval to be included in the April 2022 ballot. The Assembly will vote this month.



Similar to the 2020 bond, the 2022 bond proposition is a two-year bond measure. The 2022 bond is comprehensive in scope and has projects benefiting all areas within the Municipality including:

- Inlet View Elementary School building replacement
- Deferred major maintenance
- Multiple roof replacements (which include seismic improvements),
- Renovations to Bettye Davis East Anchorage High School and Lake Otis Elementary safety and security vestibule improvements in multiple elementary schools
- Planning and design for future projects.

The total cost for this two-year proposal, if approved by the voters, is \$111,090,000.

[Read the entire Bond Proposition](#)

#ASDShineBright Shares Stories of Hope



As the daylight dwindles and the temperatures drop, ASD will focus on the glow from the good things happening within our schools. Let's shine a light on the small but bright moments that happen every day. ASD will highlight stories of kindness, students accelerating individually and in group projects, and staff successes using the hashtag #ASDShineBright.

Anchorage School Board Calendar

Regular Meetings and Work Sessions are held in person at the ASD Education Center and broadcast live on the [ASD YouTube Channel](#). Board committee meetings are held in person at the ASD Education Center, 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd. Anchorage, AK 99504 and broadcast through Zoom links published on agendas and the Board's online calendar.

- » 4–5 p.m. Work sessions
- » 5–6 p.m. Executive Session (scheduled when needed)
- » 6 p.m. Regular meeting – Late Session

Upcoming Meetings

Friday, Dec. 10

Joint School Board – Assembly Meeting 10 a.m.
ASD Education Center, Board Room

Friday, Dec. 10

Legislative Priorities Luncheon noon
at King Tech High School

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Communications Committee Meeting 3:30 p.m.
ASD Education Center, School Board Conference Room

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Governance Committee Meeting 4:30 p.m.
ASD Education Center, School Board Conference Room

Wednesday, Dec. 15

Finance Committee Meeting noon
ASD Education Center, School Board Conference Room

Monday, Dec. 20

School Board Meeting 6 p.m.
ASD Education Center, Board Room

Upcoming ASD Events

Friday, Dec. 17: In-service day

Monday, Dec. 20 – 31: Winter Break



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