

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

AM 93-2020

Meeting Date: March 10, 2020

FROM: ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUBJECT: AO 2020-18 ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY 2020-2021 FINANCIAL PLAN

PROPOSED FINANCIAL PLAN

The Anchorage School Board has approved the Proposed Financial Plan and Budget for FY 2020-21 in the amount of \$882,200,165. The total proposed Anchorage School District budget by individual fund is projected as follows:

Municipal Upper Limit Summary

Governmental Funds Summary (in millions \$)	Actual [1]	Actual [1]	Actual [1]	Adopted Budget	Proposed Budget	FY20 Adopted vs. FY21 Proposed	
	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	\$	%
General Fund	\$ 565.947	\$ 579.539	\$ 563.426	\$ 572.500	\$ 575.955	\$ 3.456	0.6%
Project Carryover [2]	-	-	-	20.000	25.000	5.000	25.0%
Transportation Fund	23.524	23.799	25.462	25.029	25.910	0.881	3.5%
Grants Fund	44.852	47.895	49.370	148.078	130.900	(17.178)	-11.6%
Debt Service Fund	82.954	81.403	77.266	77.876	82.394	4.518	5.8%
Capital Projects Fund [3]	-	-	-	10.000	10.000	-	0.0%
Student Nutrition Fund	23.377	23.678	22.271	24.476	24.141	(0.335)	-1.4%
Student Activities Fund	7.748	7.254	6.268	7.900	7.900	-	0.0%
ASD Managed Total	748.402	763.568	744.063	885.859	882.200	(3.659)	-0.4%
SOA PERS/TRS On-behalf	44.188	38.586	49.218	55.000	52.000	(3.000)	-5.5%
Total All Funds	\$ 792.590	\$ 802.154	\$ 793.281	\$ 940.859	\$ 934.200	\$ (6.659)	-0.7%

[1] GAAP basis expenditures with on-behalf pension payments removed from individual funds

[2] Accounting practice for transparency and efficiency only - not additional funding

[3] Capital Projects includes capital legislative grants only; voter approved bond projects that are repaid through debt service have been excluded

It is requested that the Anchorage Assembly approve local property taxes in the amount of \$255,880,604, an increase of \$7,013,285 from the prior year, or about 2.8 percent, and the upper limit spending authorization of \$882,200,165 for FY 2020-21, a decrease of \$3,658,435 from the prior year.

Additionally, the District is requesting \$16,541,107 in property taxes to pay costs associated with the Governor's 50 percent reduction in State bond debt reimbursement that is tied to bonds passed prior to 2015.

The total tax request to fund the District's FY 2020-21 budget and repay prior bond debt is \$272,421,711. The associated mill rate is expected to increase to 7.74 for calendar year 2020, an increase of about 8.25 percent.

PROPERTY TAXES AND ENROLLMENT

The chart below shows the amount of taxes the District is requesting by both fiscal year (FY), which is July 1 through June 30, and calendar year (CY). Fiscal year taxes are collected over the course of two calendar years, e.g. the second half of the FY 20 tax request (January 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020) and the first half of the FY 21 tax request (July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020) makes up the total calendar year 2020 request.

FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget Property Tax Request

	Approved Budget FY 2019-2020	Proposed Budget FY 2020-2021	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent Change
Total Property Taxes (FY)	248,867,319	255,880,604	7,013,285	2.82%
Total Property Taxes (CY)	247,221,383	252,373,963	5,152,580	2.08%
Estimated Assessed Valuation (CY)	34,559,295,046	34,752,284,382	192,989,336	0.56%
Estimated Mill Rate (CY)	7.15	7.26	0.11	1.54%

Calendar Year Request with Unfunded Bond Debt

	Approved Budget FY 2019-2020	Proposed Budget FY 2020-2021	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent Change
Total Property Taxes (CY)	247,221,383	252,373,963	5,152,580	2.08%
Unfunded Bond Debt for FY20 (CY)	-	16,541,107	16,541,107	100.00%
Total Calendar Year Request	247,221,383	268,915,070	21,693,687	8.78%
Estimated Mill Rate (CY)	7.15	7.74	0.59	8.25%

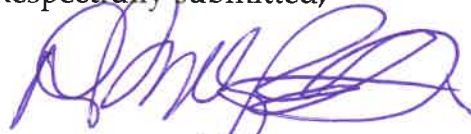
	Actual FY 2019-2020 Sept. 30, 2019	Projected FY 2020-2021 Sept. 30, 2020	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent Change
Student Enrollment	46,229	45,813	(416)	-0.90%
Students with Intensive Needs	1,029	1,091	62	6.03%

Additional information regarding changes in revenue and expenditures specific to each fund as well as programmatic and staffing changes specific to academic programs and support services can be found in the budget document.

The FY 2020-21 Proposed Financial Plan and Budget continues the Anchorage School Board's commitment to improving the education of all students.

1 The Anchorage School District requests the full support of the Anchorage
2 Assembly for this budget and in the ongoing efforts to continue a community
3 dialogue that focuses on building on the momentum ASD has started to achieve.
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7 Respectfully submitted,

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16 Attachments include:
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18 February 18, 2021 Preliminary Budget Memo
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20 Comb Bound / PDF Proposed FY 2020-21 Budget under separate cover