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The Honorable Cathy Tilton Speaker of the House Alaska State Legislature State Capitol, Room 208 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Tilton:

Please find enclosed the Department of Education and Early Development's second annual report detailing the forecasted unreserved fund balance within a school district's operating fund as required by House Bill 76 (Chapter 2 SLA 2021).

This report provides the legislature with the amount of the unreserved portion of the year-end operating fund balance of each school district forecasted to carry over from the current fiscal year (FY2024) to the next fiscal year (FY2025).

We hope that members of the Alaska House of Representatives will find the information in this report valuable and useful. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions.

Sincerely,

Deena Bishop, Ed.D. Commissioner

Enclosure: FY2024 School District Forecasted Unreserved Operating Fund Balances

cc: Crys Jones, Chief Clerk, Alaska State Legislature

Alaska Department of Education and Early Development FY2024 School District Forecasted Unreserved Year-End Operating Fund Balance Legislative Report in accordance with HB76 (Ch 2, SLA 21, Sec 10, Page 10, Lines 16-21) Projection as of January 31, 2024

	Forecasted EV2024	Forecasted FY2024 Total	Forecasted FY2024
School District	Forecasted FY2024 Unreserved Fund Balance	Budgeted Expenditures	Unreserved Fund Balance Percentage
Alaska Gateway	1,885,075	14,651,975	12.87%
Aleutian Region	55,277	1,243,068	4.45%
Aleutians East			
	823,709	9,593,179	8.59%
Anchorage	103,860,000	610,994,138	17.00%
Annette Island	735,143	10,123,650	7.26%
Bering Strait	1,061,315	61,944,008	1.71%
Bristol Bay	-	4,684,549	0.00%
Chatham	100,251	4,519,812	2.22%
Chugach	440,532	6,391,252	6.89%
Copper River	-	8,176,555	0.00%
Cordova	584,320	7,500,633	7.79%
Craig	(796,928)	8,877,173	-8.98%
Delta/Greely	1,200,000	12,674,416	9.47%
Denali	772,413	9,788,321	7.89%
Dillingham	955,747	9,871,384	9.68%
Fairbanks	7,039,110	188,250,040	3.74%
Galena	3,435,512	48,229,542	7.12%
Haines	260,800	5,524,510	4.72%
Hoonah	1,226,685	4,221,147	29.06%
Hydaburg	(105,282)	2,045,250	-5.15%
Iditarod	1,469,553	8,802,416	16.69%
Juneau	(5,947,650)	69,941,319	-8.50%
Kake	288,000	3,450,481	8.35%
Kashunamiut	310,000	10,044,398	3.09%
Kenai Peninsula	22,137,217	141,384,612	15.66%
Ketchikan	-	40,113,289	0.00%
Klawock	-	3,725,942	0.00%
Kodiak	6,491,623	49,899,937	13.01%
Kuspuk	1,206,477	15,029,951	8.03%
Lake and Peninsula	(75,084)	15,171,447	-0.49%
Lower Kuskokwim	-	117,259,171	0.00%
Lower Yukon	3,382,000	57,999,204	5.83%
Mat-Su	14,259,898	280,178,318	5.09%
Nenana	1,607,175	12,158,603	13.22%
Nome	1,830,968	16,430,710	11.14%
North Slope	607,543	74,644,000	0.81%
Northwest Arctic	3,510,044	63,307,834	5.54%
Pelican	127,147	674,000	18.86%
Petersburg	1,069,882	10,179,194	10.51%
Pribilof	352,000	1,858,000	18.95%
Saint Mary's	200,000	6,631,000	3.02%
Sitka	1,350,355		
		23,597,531	5.72%
Skagway Southoast Island	1,296,626	4,305,761	30.11%
Southeast Island	50,000	6,828,077	0.73%
Southwest Region	2,025,524	20,732,075	9.77%
Tanana	-	1,228,762	0.00%
Unalaska	16,290	8,110,121	0.20%
Valdez	1,950,000	15,848,310	12.30%
Wrangell	1,008,488	5,331,726	18.91%
Yakutat	-	2,379,888	0.00%
Yukon Flats	199,747	11,066,649	1.80%
Yukon Koyukuk	2,722,483	30,475,400	8.93%
Yupiit	985,211	16,656,143	5.92%
Totals	\$ 187,965,196	\$ 2,174,748,871	

FY2024 HB76 Fund Balance Report Comments

The following comments were received from districts as an accompaniment to their HB76 Reports.

Anchorage

Of the projected unreserved fund balance, \$26.4M is restricted to maintain the district's bond rating and \$71M is planned to be used to offset FY25 deficits. This leaves about \$6.5M remaining as unreserved that can be used in the event of emergency, about 1% of expenditures. It should be noted that ASD has intentionally saved one-time money from the State to help offset future deficits in light of continued fiscal uncertainty.

Delta/Greely

The district is planning on using most of our fund balance to prepay and balance FY25 budget.