

**Department of Education & Early Development**  
**FY2023 Significant Budget Changes**  
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The purpose of this document is to provide the State Board of Education with a list of noteworthy items in the FY2023 Department budget that was enacted. If you have any questions, please contact Sabrina Javier, Administrative Services Director at [sabrina.javier@alaska.gov](mailto:sabrina.javier@alaska.gov) or Lacey Sanders, Deputy Commissioner at [lacey.sanders@alaska.gov](mailto:lacey.sanders@alaska.gov).

**K-12 Foundation Program and Pupil Transportation**

- K-12 Foundation program is fully funded based on the statutory formula.
- Pupil Transportation program is fully funded based on the statutory formula.
- The budget includes an appropriation for forward funding (FY2024) of the K-12 Foundation and Pupil Transportation programs. The appropriation is contingent upon available revenue in FY2023.
  - Beginning in FY2024, the Base Student Allocation (BSA) was increased by \$30 dollars from \$5,930 to \$5,960 in statute (HB 114).

**Additional Foundation Funding**

- One-time additional K-12 Foundation program funding; Total: \$57.0 million UGF.

**K-12 Support**

- Residential Schools program funding increased using the same ratio as Alaska Statute 14.16.200; Total: \$2.2 million UGF.
- Expand the Lower Yukon School District's Career and Technical Education Residential Program; Total: \$228.0 thousand UGF.

**School Debt Reimbursement & Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA) and Small Municipal School District School Fund**

- School Debt Reimbursement is fully funded based on the statutory calculation for reimbursement to municipalities for selected bonds issued for school construction; Total: \$79.0 million UGF.
  - Funding was also appropriated for FY2017, FY2020, FY2021, and FY2022 based on the statutory calculation; Total: \$220.9 million UGF.
- Regional Educational Attendance Area and Small Municipal School District School Fund (REAA Fund) is fully funded based on the statutory calculation; Total: \$32.8 million UGF.
  - Funding was also appropriated for FY2017, FY2020, FY2021, and FY2022 based on the statutory calculation; Total: \$84.0 million UGF.

**Student and School Achievement**

- Additional funding for Pre-Kindergarten Grants, bringing the total for grants to \$5.7 million (for both FY2023 and FY2024); Total: \$2.5 million UGF.

**Broadband Assistance Grants (BAG)**

- Updated BAG Program funding to reflect actual expenditures; Total: (\$1.0 million) UGF.

**Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education/Alaska Student Loan Corporation**

- Expand the WWAMI Medical Education Program from 20 to 30 spots; Total: \$1.6 million UGF (total for FY2023 and FY2024).

**Fund Transfers**

- Capitalize the Higher Education Investment Fund (HIEF) with the amount swept in FY2021; estimated to be \$342.5 million UGF. This appropriation is contingent upon passage of a bill that moves the HEIF outside of the General Fund.
  - For FY2023, Department programs previously funded with HIEF remain funded with UGF.

**Capital Projects (FY2022 and FY2023)**

- Deposit funding into the Major Maintenance Grant fund for School Major Maintenance; Total: \$37.0 million UGF.
- William N. Miller K-12 Memorial School Replacement, Napakiak; Total: \$54.9 million REAA Fund.
- Start-up and Expansion of School Breakfast Programs; Total: \$600.0 thousand UGF.
- Reappropriation of \$95.0 thousand (not to exceed) to MEHS for Bleachers and Swimming & Water Survival

Education Equipment.

**FY2023 Fiscal Note Funding**

- HB 19 Limited Teacher Certificates; Languages - Teacher Certification; Total: \$6.0 thousand UGF.
- SB 20 Out of State Teacher Reciprocity - Teacher Certification; Total: \$6.0 thousand UGF.
- HB 114 Education: Schools; Funding; Programs -
  - Student and School Achievement; Total: \$801.8 thousand UGF and 8 full-time positions.
  - Early Learning Coordination; Total: \$385.6 thousand UGF and 3 full-time positions.
  - Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education; Total: \$1.0 million UGF.
  - Public Education Fund; Total: \$12.9 million UGF.
- SB 71 Council on the Arts: Plates and Manage Art - Alaska State Council on the Arts; Total: \$6.0 thousand UGF.