



KPBSD SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION DISCUSSION FY 26 - 29

School Consolidation Discussion

September 8, 2025

Purpose



Why is consolidation of schools being considered?

Potential Considerations for Consolidation

School Consolidation Team

Development of a framework to determine each identified consideration for consolidation or closure

Questions and Answers

Why are we considering school consolidations?

- Revenue has not kept pace with inflation and funding remains unpredictable at the local, state, and federal levels
- Declining student enrollment
- Impact on student opportunities



Soldotna Prep School



By reducing operational and maintenance expenses, the district can address growing annual deficits with less impact to the quality of education.



These savings will help preserve class sizes, invest in classroom resources, and support critical student services for years to come.

Budget Considerations



Redoubt Elementary Canned Food Drive

Declining Student Population:

- Like districts across the nation, The district has faced a steady decline in student enrollment.

Consolidation will allow the district to:

- Reduce maintenance cost
- Reduce utility costs
- Address declining enrollment trends effectively
- Direct resources from maintaining unused space to more learning opportunities

Efficiency



Nikiski HS Powderpuff Football Coaches

Educational Opportunities

By consolidating resources, the district can improve educational opportunities by:

- Providing smaller class sizes and more effective classroom support
- Enhancing special education programs and services
- Improving access to nursing and other student support services
- Reducing the impact of staff shortages and unfilled positions
- Reducing the amount of combination grade level classrooms



KPBSD Middle School Mass Choir

Why are we considering school consolidations?

School consolidation is a necessary step to align resources with enrollment, ensuring our schools remain strong, sustainable, and focused on delivering the best education for every student.



Ninilchik Class of 2025 Graduates

How will consolidation decisions be made?



BUILDING
CONSIDERATIONS



COST SAVINGS



REGIONAL IMPACTS

Building Status, Cost Savings, and Regional Impacts



Building Considerations, this includes a review of the building condition and the status of major utility systems within the building. Borough input and possible use of a building if it were too close will be considered, as well as any alternative uses the district might have for a school building.



Cost savings to be considered include looking at utilities, staffing, the average cost per student, the amount of deferred maintenance the building needs, and the cost of regular maintenance it takes to keep the building running. Loss of separate site status and the accompanying loss of funding will also be considered.



Regional impacts are also important. The district will review how transportation would be impacted by a school closing, student transportation time, and how nearby schools would be impacted (enrollment capacity), and how different student populations would be affected. This will include enrollment trends and projections and potential for future growth or retraction

School Consolidation Team



Soldotna Elementary students

School Consolidation Team Recommendation:

- Planning and Operations
- Finance Department
- 1 Instructional Team Member
- 2 Board Members
- 2 Building Admin
- 3 Community Members
- 1 Borough Member

School Consolidation Framework

School Considerations



Geography

- Enrollment patterns
- Population density
- Proximity from house to school
- School capacity



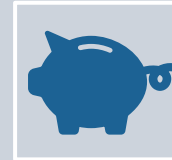
Facility Determination

- Number of buildings
- Types of buildings within grade band models
- Utilization of classrooms within buildings



Building Status

- Building condition
- Status of major systems
- Borough input & reutilization
- Alternative building uses



Cost Savings

- Utilities
- Staffing
- Average cost per student
- Deferred maintenance
- Regular maintenance



Regional Impacts

- Transportation
- Availability of nearby schools
- Special populations

Recommended Plan

School Board

Questions?

