

2026 Legislative Priorities

KPBSD is committed to working with the Alaska Legislature to support students in life success. Our 2026 priorities focus on expanding student opportunities, responsible funding, and supporting safe, healthy schools.

1. Strengthen Student Success Through Support for Strong Literacy and Math Skills and Career & Technical Education (CTE)

- Maintain funding for the Alaska Reads Act and other readiness initiatives.
- Develop state assessment systems that emphasize student growth over time rather than one-time proficiency scores and ensure that at least 75% of students in each district participate in statewide assessments.
- Support work to align CTE offerings with state and local workforce needs to improve post-graduation outcomes and expand access to high-quality CTE programs for all districts across Alaska.
- Develop partnerships with the University of Alaska and local industries to enhance career pathways.

2. Sustainably Fund Alaska's Public Education System

- Provide stable, predictable, inflation-adjusted funding to strengthen long-term planning, staffing, and student programs.
- Fully fund transportation based on actual district costs.
- Support a competitive retirement system to attract and retain high-quality educators.
- Prioritize funding to reduce the backlog of deferred maintenance in Alaska's Schools.
- Increase funding for correspondence students to 1.0 ADM.

3. Ensure Safe, Supportive School Environments

- Develop state regulations that help schools improve attendance and reduce truancy.
- Support increased access to mental health support, counselors, and trauma-informed practices in our schools and communities.
- Support student wellness through extracurricular opportunities.
- Support staff training focused on student well-being, safety, and professional conduct.