

School Consolidations

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- December 1, 2025



Why Early Planning Matters



Projected deficit for FY
27



Need accurate cost-
savings projections



Must understand
district and borough
impacts



Intent is to avoid a
larger deficit in the
future

**Preliminary FY27
General Fund Budget – Revenue
State of Alaska and KPB**

	FY25 Actual	FY26 Original	FY26 Revised	FY27 Preliminary
State Of Alaska	\$80,819,236	\$72,940,728	\$76,290,904	\$72,052,845
Kenai Peninsula Borough	56,228,307	62,359,080	62,359,080	59,074,865
State of Alaska and KPB Revenues	\$137,047,543	\$135,299,808	\$138,649,984	\$131,127,710

Budget Context for FY 27



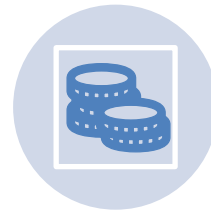
State of Alaska BSA: \$6,660



FY27 projected borough appropriation: \$59,074,864.



Estimate reflects a 2.5% increase from the Borough Mayor's proposed FY26 budget of \$57,634,015. FY26 actual borough appropriation: \$62,359,080



Projected revenues are not adequate to cover expenditures



Consolidation remains a viable long-term option that helps to protect PTR and maintain learning opportunities for students

Key Considerations

- Facilities and capacity
- Cost savings and staffing
- Regional impacts
- Community Impacts
- Projected enrollment
- Transportation needs
- Borough implication
- Other-Housing values, impact on local economy
- Guardrails that are important to the Board?
- Is it good for students (increased opportunities, increased outcomes)

Planning Structure and Timeline



One-, two-, and three-
year phased plan



February 2026:
Recommendations



March 2026: Board
action



Focus on one school
per region (Central,
Eastern, Southern)

Schools that were considered during the last year due to capacity and deferred maintenance

Homer Middle School

McNeil Canyon Elementary School

Moose Pass School

Nikiski Middle/Senior High School

Nikolaevsk School

Paul Banks Elementary School

Seward Middle School

Sterling Elementary School

Tustumena Elementary School

Soldotna Area



Consolidation of Redoubt Elementary and Soldotna Elementary into new Soldotna Elementary (in design process)



Planning complicated by bond decisions



Additional consolidation decisions (6th grade to Skyview) likely a Year-two consideration given the unknowns with project schedule for Soldotna Elementary

Paul Banks / West Homer



Possible consolidation of Paul Banks into West Homer



West Homer sixth graders may move to HMS



K-5 Grade in West Homer



Transportation changes are not significant for students, no routes added



Questions:

- Is there enough space for special education preschool and special education classes combined? Long-term projected enrollment
- Fireweed's current lease? Fireweeds one campus plan?
- What happens to Paul Banks building?

Seward Middle School

Mutual benefit to community and to students and families

City of Seward interested in building and partnering to ensure mutual benefit

Could maintain gym access for school athletic programs

B&G housing for easy access and use by students/families

Partnering to keep Connections housed there

No changes in transportation

Increased options for students

Nikiski / Sterling / Tustumena



STERLING/TUSTUMENA: POSSIBLE YEAR TWO OR THREE
CONSIDERATION DEPENDENT ON SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION IN
SOLDOTNA

YEAR THREE OR FOUR CONSIDERATION: NIKISKI BECOMES A
K-12 SCHOOL IN YEAR THREE DEPENDING ON CURRENT
ENROLLMENT AND LONG-TERM ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS
AND BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

Other considerations for long-term planning

All decisions must be considered in terms of short- and long-term budget planning

Connections – needs an improved facility

Challenger Center – Continue to review possible cost savings and potential use of space

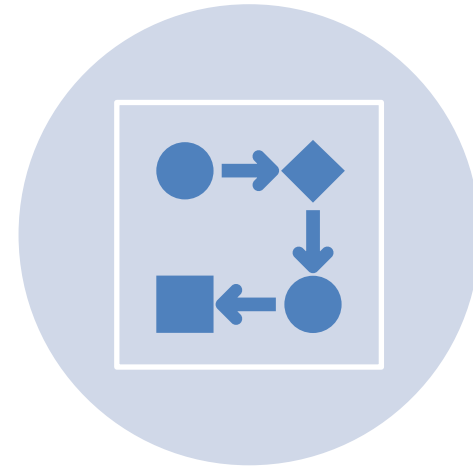
Consider long term needs of ABC and Kenai Alternative

Other?

Next Steps



DOES THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WANT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS PROCESS?



IF THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD, WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE AND WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?