



Anchorage School Board
Community Council Report
March 2023

1. **Board Meetings: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays**
 - a. **March Regular Meetings: Tuesday, March 7 & 21**, 6pm, ASD Board Room
 - **Work Sessions:** 4pm, ASD Board Room (**Note:** No Work Session on Mar 7. Some Work Sessions might start at 3PM).
 - **Executive Session:** 5pm, Board Conference Room
 - b. **Public Comment or Testimony on Action Items:** Must Sign-up to provide in-person, telephonic or written comments:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeVWE-wiHua43o2AoMSntvjRU2hOo1Wb1rg1dUJaRK0sD03hQ/viewform>
 - c. **Watch Board Meetings on-line:** <https://www.youtube.com/user/AnchorageSD>
 - d. **School Board Committee Meetings** (ASD Board Room):
 - Finance Committee Meeting: **March 8 @ Noon**
 - Governance Committee Meetings: **March 23 @ 11am**
 - Communication Committee Meeting: **March 23 @ Noon**
2. **Joint Assembly/ASD Quarterly Meeting: March 3**, 10am-12 pm, ASD Ed Center
3. **FY 23-24 Proposed Budget:** After months of surveys, town halls, public testimony, and discussions, the Anchorage School Board approved and submitted a balanced Budget to the Assembly. You can see the proposed budget here:
<https://www.asdk12.org/cms/lib/AK02207157/Centricity/Domain/1225/FY24%20Proposed%20Budget%20-%20with%20TOC%20and%20Page%20nbrs.pdf>
4. **2023 ASD Bond Initiative**—Approved by the Assembly (Proposition 1). \$37.8 Million.
<https://www.asdk12.org/bonds>
5. **DOJ Settlement:** The Anchorage School District (ASD) agreed to settlement terms as requested by the Department of Justice (DOJ). Review summary of the settlement here. <https://www.asdk12.org/DOJ>
6. **Preview of Future Work Session Topics:**
 - a. Alaska Literacy Act Initiative
 - b. New K-2 ELA Curriculum Adoption



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- c. School Start Times
 - d. Options for ASDV Elementary & Middle
 - e. Transition Plan for Abbott Loop Elementary
7. **Snow Days Make-up Plan:**
- a. Concludes on March 9th (30 minutes added to each instructional day and February 23rd, 27th & 28th were FULL instructional days!)
8. **2023 Legislative Priorities (Our Three B's):** The pathway to achieving the Anchorage School Board's goals requires close collaboration and partnership with the Alaska State Legislature. Our 2023 Legislative Priorities are the foundation for this partnership and collaboration @ <https://www.asdk12.org/legislative>

Base Student Allocation:

- Reverse seven years of declining education funding by changing the statutory formula to provide a fair, inflation-adjusted Base Student Allocation (BSA).
- Update the funding formula by directing a state-funded Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) study of the District Cost Factor.
- Prioritize the recruitment and retention of high-quality educators by providing a competitive retirement and health benefits in a pension plan that will address the statewide teacher shortage.
- Support post-secondary opportunities in order to build an Alaska-based educator pipeline.
- Support student and staff wellness, mental health and safety by supporting practices that support the whole child (mental and behavioral health, trauma informed practices, Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and restorative justice practices.

Busing:

- Increase student transportation funding, and adjust for inflation, to a level that will not require districts to reduce classroom funding to pay for transportation.

Bond Debt Reimbursement

- Eliminate the current moratorium on State Bond Debt Reimbursement (SBDR) for voter-approved propositions. This will restore community support that is needed to reverse years of escalating deferred maintenance.

9. **Spring Lottery 2023: Feb. 15- April 14.** More information and dates available [here](#).
10. **AK STAR: Results are now available** <https://www.asdk12.org/AKSTAR> (ASD) <https://education.alaska.gov/assessments/akstar> (DEED)
11. **Anonymous Student Reporting App:** The **STOPIt** App empowers students to anonymously report online harassment, bullying, alcohol or drug use, depression, campus violence, school vandalism, or to help friends in need. <https://www.asdk12.org/stopit>

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12. **2023 Family Survey:**

<https://surveys.panoramaed.com/aasb/asdfamily/surveys?language=en>

13. **Controversial Issues Process:** ASD has a comprehensive process to receive, review and resolve concerns regarding instructional and library materials. Concerns may be submitted by parents, guardians, staff, students, and community members. I invite you to view the relevant portion of ASD's website, where you can find additional information which may be of interest and use. <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/18977>

14. **Public input on teacher, administrator performance now open:** ASD welcomes community input regarding our teacher and administrator employees' performance from December through April 30. <https://www.asdk12.org/publicinput>



15. See upcoming events @ <https://www.asdk12.org/countdowntokindy>

16. **ASD Connect, January Edition** <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/ASD-Connect-December-2022.html?soid=1102486613387&aid=EBdFHUibO84>

17. **Goals & Guardrails:**



<https://www.asdk12.org/Page/18195>

- **Progress Monitoring Calendar: for Goals & Guardrails:**
<https://www.asdk12.org/cms/lib/AK02207157/Centricity/Domain/1184/Cycles%201-5.pdf>

18. **Other Highlights:**

- March is **Women's History Month:** <https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>
- **Spring Break:** March 13-17
- **Community Volunteer Signup:**
<https://www.asdk12.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=13771>
- **District Calendars:**
 - **Academic Calendars:** <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/2>
 - **School Board Calendar:** <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/10247>
 - **Sports & Activity Schedules:**
<https://www.asdk12.org/activities/>

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