



Valdez City Schools

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Dear Mayor Fleming,

The Valdez City School District would respectfully like to submit our request of \$11,717,492 for our FY27 budget to the City Council for your consideration. This request will fund to the 'cap' and includes an increase of \$162,000, to allow us to shore up our Student Transportation special revenue fund, which has been hit hard with inflationary increases. The requested amount for Community Education, Lunch and Activities/Computers funds remains unchanged. Combined, the request is a 4.16% increase from the prior funding request, which is due to an increase in the cap and also the increase to the transportation funding. We are proud that the City of Valdez and Valdez City Schools work so closely together to ensure we are leading the state in education.

Currently the district student count is 575 which includes our 4 year old preschool program. The state is allowing us to count those students as 0.5 students in the ADM (Average Daily Membership). The addition of the preschool students in the student count, is the culmination of the hard work we have done with early childhood education at Valdez City Schools to become accredited by the state.

The district is working hard to address reading and math scores, recently our students in grades 3-9 scored 5th in the state on the AK Stars assessment. The district is also planning increased staff development and continued RTI services for students across the district.

The funds from the city have allowed Valdez City Schools to push forward with goals to bolster early childhood education, career and technical education, reading, social emotional learning, etc. At the same time we are moving forward with our goals, we are balancing the financial headwinds of, rising costs associated with staffing, operations, and supplies, as well as unfunded/underfunded mandates from the state of Alaska. As a district we are committed to be efficient and responsible with public funds.

The FY27 budget request of \$11,717,492 will allow the district to adequately serve the students and families of Valdez. If you have any questions about our FY 27 budget request, please reach out to Jason Weber, our superintendent (jweber@valdezcityschools.org). Thank you again for your continued support of Valdez students and families.

Respectfully submitted,

Kalin King President, VCS School Board