



Assembly Information Memorandum

AIM No. - 2026

Meeting Date: March 3, 2026

1 **FROM: CHAIR OF THE ASSEMBLY, AT THE REQUEST OF THE**
2 **SCHOOL BOARD**

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4 **SUBJECT: AO 2026-21: SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING USE OF**
5 **THE REVENUE FROM PROPOSITION 9, THE ASD**
6 **OPERATIONAL COSTS SPECIAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY – 2026**
7 **ONLY**

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9 At its February 24, 2026 meeting, the Anchorage School Board
10 unanimously adopted the attached Finance Committee Amendment #1, to direct
11 how revenues from Proposition 9, if approved by voters, shall be used.

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13 In operative part, the amendment provides as follows:

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15 **If a majority of voters approve Proposition 9 during the April 7,**
16 **2026 Municipal election, the School Board directs that the**
17 **Administration shall use all available revenue from the levy to**
18 **reduce the projected FY27 increase in the District's K-12 Pupil**
19 **Teacher Ratio from a +4 to a +2 by retaining 80 K-12 classroom**
20 **teacher and 3.44 Kindergarten paraprofessional positions.**

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22 Prepared By: Carl Jacobs, Chair of the Anchorage School Board
23 Respectfully Submitted: Chair Constant

Finance Committee Amendment #1
AMENDMENT TO ASD MEMORANDUM #131 (2026-27):
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget

Add the following language to ASD Memorandum #131 as guidance from the Board to the Administration to amend the 2026-27 (FY27) Financial Plan and Budget after the successful April 7, 2026 passage of Proposition 9, “Anchorage School District Operational Costs Special Property Tax Levy – 2026 Only.”

The Anchorage School Board intends for the Anchorage School District’s 2026-27 (FY 27) Financial Plan and Budget to provide the best possible learning environments for all students and to support adopted Board goals for 3rd Grade Reading Proficiency, 8th Grade Math proficiency, and high school graduation rates.

Protecting progress towards those goals for FY27 requires that the Board aligns available dollars with classroom instruction. To do so, the Preliminary Budget and Resolution 25-26-01(S.1) collectively articulate plans to spend the District’s Fund Balance down to 5%, pursue new efficiencies, consolidate schools, and implement substantial cuts to non-instructional areas (i.e. to administration, operations and maintenance, and student supports). Despite these measures, proposed instructional reductions for FY27 include the loss of 168.3 K-12 classroom teacher positions and 13.69 Kindergarten paraprofessionals due to a +4 increase in the K-12 Pupil Teacher Ratio.

On January 12, 2026, Mayor Suzanne LaFrance proposed a one-time levy “to reduce forecasted class size increases and protect essential student programs.” On January 27, 2026, the Anchorage Assembly amended and approved AO 2026-14, which placed Proposition 9 on the April 7, 2026 Municipal ballot. If voters approve that proposition, a one-time levy calculated to collect up to \$11.8 million would support funding the Anchorage School District to the maximum amount permitted by state law for this year.

Board members discussed and reviewed the origins, language, and intent of the levy during the February 12, 2026 Finance Committee meeting and supported bringing a Finance Committee amendment clarifying intended use of the levy to the full Board for consideration, which follows:

If a majority of voters approve Proposition 9 during the April 7, 2026 Municipal election, the School Board directs that the Administration shall use all available revenue from the levy to reduce the projected FY27 increase in the District’s K-12 Pupil Teacher Ratio from a +4 to a +2 by retaining 80 K-12 classroom teacher and 3.44 Kindergarten paraprofessional positions.