



PROPOSITION 9

Anchorage School District One-Time Tax Levy More Educators = Smaller Class Sizes

1. What is Proposition 9?

A one-time education levy that would raise \$11.8 million for the 2026–27 school year.

If approved, it would retain more than 80 educators, including classroom educators and kindergarten paraprofessionals.

2. Why is it on the ballot?

The Anchorage School Board passed a balanced FY27 budget after closing a \$90 million deficit.

That required deep reductions and consolidations. As part of that budget, class sizes are projected to increase next year.

Proposition 9 would add local funding to reduce some of those increases.

3. What would class sizes look like?

Without additional funding:

- About 4 more students per classroom
- Elementary classrooms averaging about 31 students
- Middle and high school classrooms averaging about 36 students

If approved, the levy would cut that projected increase roughly in half.

4. What does it protect?

- More than 80 educator positions
- Smaller projected class size increases
- More stable classroom staffing

It helps keep classrooms closer to current conditions next year.

5. How much would it cost?

\$27.40 per \$100,000 of assessed value

About \$109.60 one time for a \$400,000 home

Applies only to the 2026–27 school year

6. Why is it one time?

Recent changes to the state's school funding formula created a short-term opportunity to contribute additional local funding.

Voter approval is required to access it.

7. Why a property tax?

A property tax levy is the only tool that can raise local funding in time for next school year.

8. Why can't the state fully cover this?

Alaska does not have a long-term fiscal plan for public education.

The Base Student Allocation increased last year, but funding has not kept up with rising health care, labor, insurance, and utility costs.

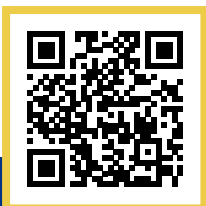
Even with a balanced FY27 budget, ASD is projected to face a shortfall of more than \$40 million next year.

9. How is Proposition 9 different from Proposition 1?

Proposition 9 supports educators and reduces projected class size increases.

Proposition 1 funds building upgrades like secure school entrances, roof repairs, ventilation improvements, generators, and student nutrition upgrades.

They are separate measures on the ballot.



Election Day is April 7.

Learn more at asdk12.org/levy