



2026 Spring Alaska Survey Details

- FIELDING DATES: April 16-19
- SAMPLE SIZE: 1011 Anchorage adults (18+), 718 who voted in the Municipal election
- MARGIN OF ERROR: +/- 5.4% at 95% confidence
- FIELDING METHODOLOGY: Omnibus Text + Panel survey
- WEIGHTING: Weighted to AK census + political demographics
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Q: As a projected response to budget shortfalls, the Anchorage School District has had to make difficult decisions this year about cutting school programs and consolidating schools, as well as anticipating a budget for next year that involves a further \$40-45 million in cuts. It is possible that the legislature could allocate additional funding to the school district this year. If that happens, the school district would have the following options:

Option A: Apply legislative funds to restore some of this year's program and staffing cuts. Keep in mind that any amount used to restore cuts and programs this year will increase the deficit by the same amount next year.

Option B: Leave this year's cuts in place and use legislative funds to reduce the scale of next year's projected cuts. This approach will help lower the ongoing deficit and limit future reductions.

Option C: Use a blended approach, allocating some of the one-time funds to reverse the most significant classroom impacts now and setting aside the rest of the funds to reduce next year's anticipated cuts.

What would you do, if it were your decision to make?

Q: What would you do, if it were your decision to make? (SPLIT A)

Response	Count	%
Option A: Apply legislative funds to restore some of this year's program and staffing cuts. Keep in mind that any amount used to restore cuts and programs this year will increase the deficit by the same amount next year.	31	10%
Option B: Leave this year's cuts in place and use legislative funds to reduce the scale of next year's projected cuts. This approach will help lower the ongoing deficit and limit future reductions.	72	24%
Option C: Use a blended approach , allocating some of the one-time funds to reverse the most significant classroom impacts now and setting aside the rest of the funds to reduce next year's anticipated cuts.	162	54%
No opinion	34	11%

Q: What would you do, if it were your decision to make? (SPLIT B)

Response	Count	%
Option A: Apply legislative funds to restore some of this year's program and staffing cuts. Keep in mind that any amount used to restore cuts and programs this year will increase the deficit by the same amount next year.	84	25%
Option B: Leave this year's cuts in place and use legislative funds to reduce the scale of next year's projected cuts. This approach will help lower the ongoing deficit and limit future reductions.	211	64%
No opinion	36	11%