

# **State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget**

Department of Education and Early Development  
K-12 Support  
Budget Request Unit

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### **BRU Mission**

Formula Program - No mission statement.

### **BRU Services Provided**

The K-12 Support BRU contains the formula programs within the Department of Education & Early Development and other supplemental programs. These programs provide the primary financial support to Alaska's 53 school districts, Mt. Edgecumbe Boarding School and Alyeska Central School, Alaska's centralized correspondence study program.

The funding for each program is reviewed annually to ensure accuracy and fairness in distribution of funds. The Division of Education Support Services, Office of School Finance, administers the following formula programs: Foundation Program, Tuition Students, and Boarding Home Grants. The Division of Teaching and Learning Support administers Youth in Detention, Schools for the Handicapped, and Community Schools programs.

### **BRU Goals and Strategies**

- \* Provide timely, accurate payments to school districts.
- \* Provide financial assistance to school districts through formula programs.
- \* Improve quality and consistency of reported data.

### **Key BRU Issues for FY2001 – 2002**

The governor's budget fully funds the FY2002 public school foundation program. Although the state aid required under the current school funding formula would decrease by \$10.5 million in FY2002 due to increases in required local effort and federal impact aid, this is not the time to reduce the state support of education. Schools need resources to help students meet higher academic standards in reading, writing, and mathematics and to be held accountable for their students performance. The governor's budget maintains the FY2001 level of funding that includes \$6.2 million in one-time grants approved by the legislature.

The governor has appointed an Education Funding Task Force that will make specific recommendations to him and the State Board of Education and Early Development by February 1, 2001. The task force will consider ideas stemming from the recent Education Summit and other forums that include allowing districts to increase student instruction time by extending the number of days in the school year and increasing the amount of the Quality Schools Grants. The task force recommendations will develop a five year financing plan for providing school districts with the resources to ensure that all our students are meeting high academic standards. The February time frame will allow the task force recommendations to be incorporated into legislation or budget proposals to be considered by the upcoming legislature.

The public school funding program passed by the legislature in 1998, substantially changed how funding is allocated among school districts in Alaska. As part of the new funding mechanism, the legislature included a requirement that the department provide the legislature with a series of reports by January 15, 2001 including:

- A comparison of the per school funding in the new formula to the use of funding communities in the old funding formula including a thorough review of educational adequacy in the schools of Alaska; and
- Proposed adjustments to the district cost factors.

### **Major BRU Accomplishments for FY2000**

- \* Completed timely, accurate payments to school districts.
- \* Provided assistance to school districts.
- \* Improved quality and consistency of reported data.

**K-12 Support**  
**BRU Financial Summary by Component**

*All dollars in thousands*

	FY2000 Actuals				FY2001 Authorized				FY2002 Governor			
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>Formula Expenditures</b>												
Foundation Program	643,794.4	20,791.0	7,612.8	672,198.2	646,316.3	20,791.0	8,415.6	675,522.9	646,316.3	20,791.0	8,415.6	675,522.9
Tuition Students	2,225.0	0.0	0.0	2,225.0	2,225.0	0.0	0.0	2,225.0	2,225.0	0.0	0.0	2,225.0
Boarding Home Grants	185.9	0.0	0.0	185.9	185.9	0.0	0.0	185.9	185.9	0.0	0.0	185.9
Youth in Detention	800.0	0.0	0.0	800.0	1,100.0	0.0	0.0	1,100.0	1,100.0	0.0	0.0	1,100.0
Schools for the Handicapped	4,357.6	0.0	0.0	4,357.6	4,315.3	0.0	0.0	4,315.3	4,315.3	0.0	0.0	4,315.3
Pupil Transportation	41,914.8	0.0	0.0	41,914.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Community Schools	400.0	0.0	0.0	400.0	500.0	0.0	0.0	500.0	500.0	0.0	0.0	500.0
<b>Non-Formula Expenditures</b>												
Child Nutrition	0.0	24,630.5	0.0	24,630.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>693,677.7</b>	<b>45,421.5</b>	<b>7,612.8</b>	<b>746,712.0</b>	<b>654,642.5</b>	<b>20,791.0</b>	<b>8,415.6</b>	<b>683,849.1</b>	<b>654,642.5</b>	<b>20,791.0</b>	<b>8,415.6</b>	<b>683,849.1</b>

**K-12 Support****Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002**

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**K-12 Support****Summary of BRU Budget Changes by Component****From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor***All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2001 Authorized</b>	654,642.5	20,791.0	8,415.6	683,849.1
<b>FY2002 Governor</b>	654,642.5	20,791.0	8,415.6	683,849.1